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TO-DAY'S CABLES.

(Reader's Service in the China Mail.)
SILVER'S HIGHEST RECORD.
ABOVE MELTING POINT.

LONDON, October 29.
Owing to a persistent demand from China and a shortage of supplies of spot silver, the price to-day reached 66½ pence an ounce. This is a new record. As this is above the price at which it pays to melt down silver coins, namely sixty-six pence, much interest is being taken in the steps the Government may take to meet the situation.

WARSHIPS TO CARRY COMMERCIAL TRAVELLERS.
IF THE ADMIRALTY DOESN'T OBJECT.

LONDON, Oct. 29.
Sir Hamar Greenwood, of the Overseas Trade Dept., in a speech in London announced that Mr. Walter Long had agreed to his suggestion that every British battleship sailing abroad should carry commercial travellers and representatives of British business firms. It only remained for Mr. Walter Long to persuade the Lords of the Admiralty to agree also.

GERMAN OFFENCES.
MILITARY PENALTIES THREATENED.

PARIS, Oct. 29.
The Supreme Council has decided to draft a protocol enumerating Germany's breaches of the armistice and fixing Germany's responsibility therefor, which the Germans should be compelled to sign before the treaty comes into force. It was agreed that the Germans be advised that a military penalty will be exacted in default of satisfaction by a given date, and that reparation for the destroyed fleet at Scapa Flow will be immediately discussed.

LEAGUE OF NATIONS.
CANNOT START TILL AFTER NOV. 11.

LONDON, October 29.
In the House of Commons, replying to Lord Robert Cecil, Mr. Cecil Harmsworth, Under Secretary for Foreign Affairs, said it was hoped that the Treaty of Versailles would be formally ratified on Nov. 11, in which case it would come into force on that date. Under Article Five of the treaty the first meeting of the League of Nations would be convened by President Wilson. He was unable to anticipate Mr. Wilson's decision with regard to time and place.

THE FLIGHT TO AUSTRALIA.
CALCUTTA NOT READY FOR AVIATORS.

CALCUTTA, November 2.
The newspaper *Englishman* severely criticises the absence of any preparation in Calcutta for the Australian flights. It says nothing seems to be known there about converting aeroplanes into seaplanes, and even the landing places have not been selected, although some of the aviators have already started.

STRIKE OF LYONS SILK WORKERS.
LYONS, November 2.

15,000 workers in the silk mills have struck. Many other trades are affected.

PALM OIL TRADE.
PLANS TO KEEP IT FROM GERMANY.

LONDON, October 29.
In the House of Commons at question time Colonel Amery stated that in order to secure an adequate supply of oil-producing seeds and their products, including margarine, for the next few months the West African governments had been requested to prohibit the exportation of palm kernels, groundnuts and copra to destinations outside the British Empire, but licences would be granted to export certain proportions thereof to lawful destinations. He emphasised that this was purely a temporary measure intended to secure an adequate food supply for Britain. He also stated that the West African colonies had imposed a duty of £2 per ton on palm kernels exported to destinations outside the British Empire in order to ensure that the palm kernels trade would not revert to Germany.

INTERNATIONAL LABOUR CONFERENCE IN AMERICA.
OPENS WITH PLATITUDES.

WASHINGTON, October 30.
The international labour conference has opened. The delegates represented 36 countries. They included ambassadors and ministers of many nations. The United States were unrepresented officially but Mr. Gompers and other prominent labour men were present. It was announced that representatives of capital and labour in the United States would participate unofficially. Secretary for Labour Wilson, welcoming the delegates in the President's name, declared that the future prosperity of the world upon the solution of the labour problem. He added that all social experiments should be conducted so carefully that explosions could not occur. All conclusions of this conference must give full consideration to the fact that the workers are living sentient beings, otherwise they would fail. The problem all over the world was to secure fair adjustment between employers and employers, while securing the acme of production.

CHINESE TELEGRAMS.

[Translated for the China Mail from the Wah Tsai Yat Po.]

SHANGHAI, Nov. 1.
General Kan Wan Ping's full appointment as premier was passed by Parliament with 249 votes to seven, yesterday.

The tobacco and wine loan mentioned yesterday is to be paid in instalments. The first instalment of \$10,000,000 is to be paid before the end of the year.

Peking bank notes have been largely rehabilitated.

The northern Government has not yet given up hope of a peace settlement at Shanghai. Its delegates have returned.

The On Fook party is demanding that the new cabinet must include three ministers and five vice-ministers from its own ranks. [Is China adopting the new British coupon system?—Ed., C.M.]
There is a scandal about Chinese warships being fired on in a North

OUR LOCAL POETS.

THOSE FIRE BUCKETS.

The use of gullion water buckets in a theatre conflagration. Might cause a slight revision of our local legislation.
But to call a Council meeting to review the situation. Would probably entail a deal of business dislocation.
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Bating, you are the cause of tears. Which tortured hearts have shed. The sighs and cries that lover bears Are proofs of hearts that you have bled.

Naming, you are the idol of my heart. You are the flower that will never fade. You are my love and Cupid's dart That wounds my heart, in sorrow's shade.

Pacita dear, you are a lily white. An emblem true of purity and love. You are the star, you are the light Of heart so sad that cries for love.

ESANTIP.
Hongkong, November 3.

BEWARE

We understand that the officials of the K.C.C. are calling for tenders for the erection of a 15ft. by 4ft. notice board at the entrance to the Club grounds. The wording of the notice, we believe, is to be as follows:—

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UNACCLIMATISED OFFICIALS.

For a considerable time past, the conviction has gradually been forced upon us that the Government is lamentably out of touch with the life of the general public of Hongkong and Kowloon. This feeling was further nourished by the statements of the official members of the Legislative Council, during last week's meetings. One assertion in particular, struck us as alone providing sufficient evidence for the making out of a *prima facie* case against the Government on the charge. The Colonial Secretary stated that after due enquiry he was satisfied that the majority of people in Kowloon, preferred hotel life as a means of permanent residence. That is an additional instance providing tangible evidence of official ignorance on the subject. It strikes us that the higher Government officials who inhale the 'dollar-laden, pleasure-permeated air of the Peak, are unable to respire in the fetid atmosphere of financial ferment and profiteering persecution of the lower levels. They should get acclimatized.

Upon much less important points than this housing business we have been put off with the excuse that the approval of the Secretary of State for the Colonies must be obtained before reform schemes may become something more than dust collecting documents in desk drawers. That is always the call of distress—the sanction of the Secretary of State for the Colonies. We have been told this very same in regard to the housing trouble. We wonder, would the S.O.S. (the initials of the title are appropriate), approve of the building of a hotel as a means of "knocking out" a gang of tent promoters? Our call of distress is C.Q.D.—come quickly down—to the lower levels and live amongst us. By no other means can it really be understood what are our real grievances and our other needs. The C.S.P. has, in a very short space of time, effected wonderful improvements in our policing system, purely by mixing amongst us and seeing for himself what the actual conditions are. If the C.S.P. can do this other high officials could do likewise?

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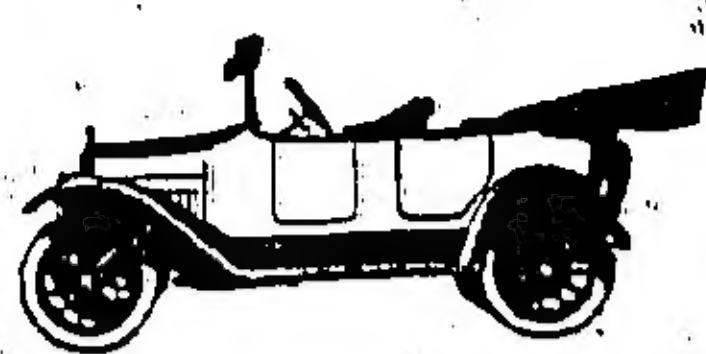
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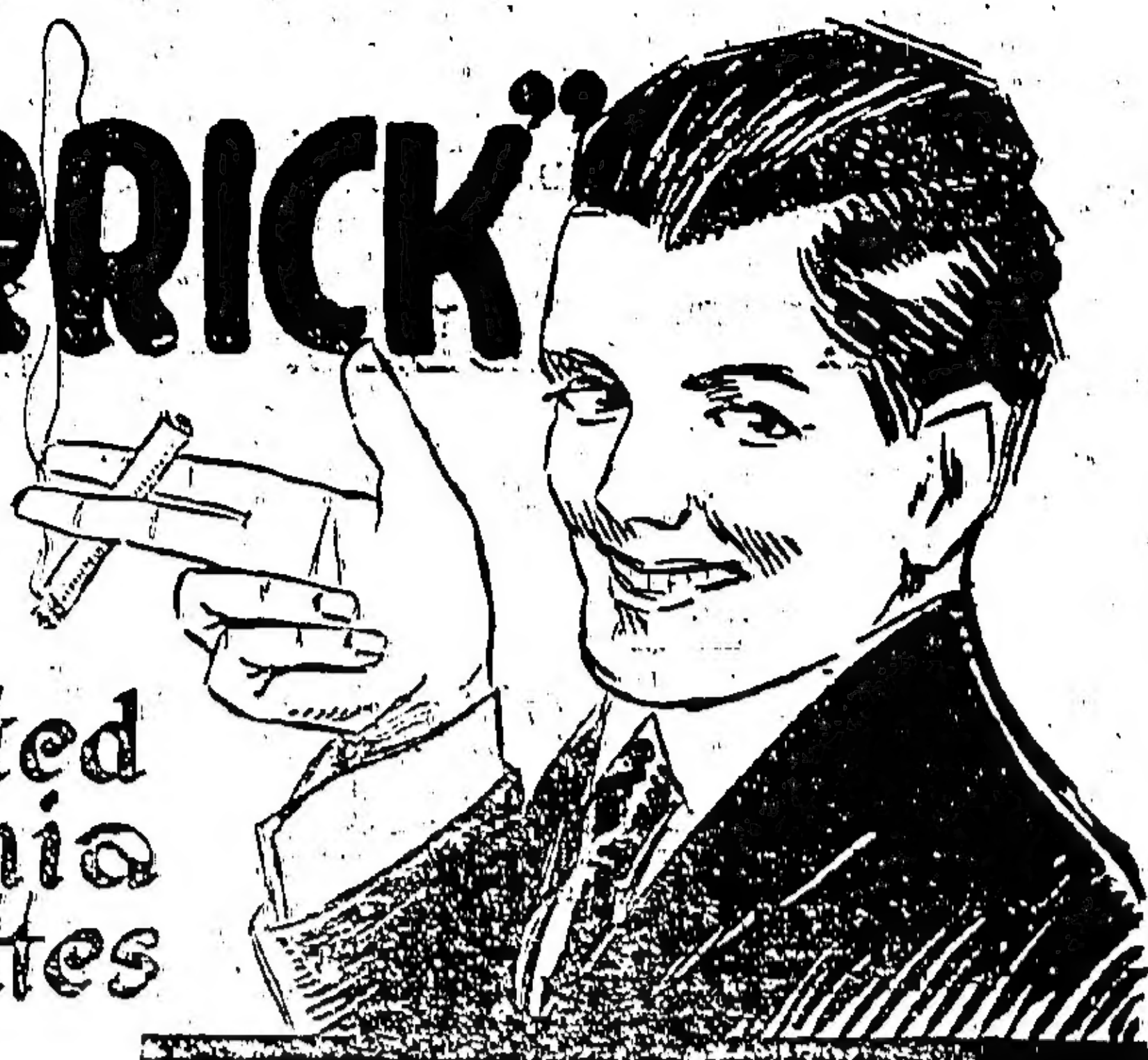
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NEWS FROM HOME.

A HOT SPELL.

[From Our Own Correspondent.]

London, Sept. 14.

After a very wet and chilly August we have been plunged into a heat spell of quite remarkable strength, with the result that all who can manage it have again taken to the moors and seaside resorts. The harvest, about which the farmers had become anxious, is now practically over, in ideal conditions, and even the usually despondent agriculturist is cheerful, for his cereals are bringing him in unlooked for wealth. Many a farmer, in fact, has gone in for a motor car of late who never dreamt of having one a year or two ago.

The only people to dread the heat are those concerned in the importation of foodstuffs. As I have said in previous letters, our Government departments have brought in quite abnormal supplies without making provision for their disposal and distribution. By resuming the control of bacon in the middle of the hot season they have let themselves in for a nice pickle, for the incoming supplies that had been ordered and arranged for by the commercial firms were so large that, when it came to officialdom handling them, they soon became "tied up in knots." So for weeks bacon has been on the quays and in the transit sheds, with the temperature over 80° in the shade. The importers could not move the bacon without a Food Ministry order, and this was not quickly forthcoming. The result is that tons of bacon have been deteriorated at the docks and on one cargo alone there has been a loss of a quarter of a million sterling.

The matter has been brought to public notice by the Press and especially in the *Times* by Mr. Charles F. Torrey, a veteran shipping director and member of the Port of London Authority, who made a slashing attack on bureaucracy in business and demanded that the Prime Minister should "sack the lot," just as Lord Fisher would perform the same summary dismissal with the Admiralty. The Food Controller has replied like a politician, juggling with technicalities and quibbling on terms, but the business world is against him, and the controversy would be quite diverting if it did not throw a sad light on official muddling and its costly blundering.

CHURCHILL.

The concurrent scandal is that of the Russian military enterprise. Col. Sherwood Kelly, V.C., just home from the Archangel front, has taken the courageous step of exposing the situation, regardless of the certain punishment that awaits him for appealing to the public against his military chief. He accuses Churchill

of leading the army into Russia on the plea of a defensive campaign to help the Russians and then using it on wide but vaguely defined offensive in which lives are uselessly sacrificed.

The Press has combined to demand a clear statement on the issue and Churchill—not departing from custom—tries to evade it by saying the date of the withdrawal has been left to General Rawlinson. He says Col. Sherwood Kelly will be punished, but meanwhile scores of soldiers back from Russia have banded together and sworn to give evidence that the Colonel's statements are true in substance and in fact. The papers decline to accept Churchill's statement as satisfactory and once more, therefore, he is in hot water. He is again charged with being a most costly inclusion in the Cabinet and when Parliament reassembles there will be a hot debate, for the Labour members, reinforced by Mr. Arthur Henderson from Widnes, are determined to force the issue.

The Government, in fact, is none too strong on its legs. It would not be surprising to see it fall later in the year. Waste is still rampant, and despite window dressing by the Prime Minister, more bureaucrats are spilling like lamp oil to their jobs than we have any real use for. The tales that are piling up of official ineptitude would make any business man turn grey if he heard of them in ordinary commercial life.

REMOVED RESTRICTIONS.

The removal of the restrictions on imports continues to excite controversy. It is unfortunate that, owing partly to cupidity and partly to opportunity, the profiteers have so raised prices that there is a widespread disposition to say "If it is necessary to have German goods to stop profiteering, let us have them." But fortunately for the present the Germans have nothing worth speaking of that they can send. What they will do later on is another matter.

For the present the chief competitors are Japan and America. America is hampered by the exchange rates, but the fact remains that she is sending in enormous cargoes and the ships are going back to America with ballast. Naturally, in these circumstances, freights are very high, but even in the case of goods like motor cars, where there is a duty, as *valorem* c.i.f. of 84 per cent., and the exchange rate is equivalent to another 15 per cent. protection, the Americans are managing to find a quick sale in our depleted markets. After America comes Japan. Her goods are invading every line, and loud is the outcry. I have been shown vacuum flasks this week of Japanese make at prices astonishingly under our prices. The Japanese are opening offices in all parts of the fancy goods area of wholesale London—Houndsditch and St. Mary Axe—and it is clear they are adapting

themselves to the altered conditions with remarkable speed. Manufacturers of games and toys do not disguise the fact that they are apprehensive about Japanese activities even more than they are about the Germans. The German menace may come late but the Japanese penetration is here now.

The President of the Board of Trade, Sir Auckland Geddes, who is now conferring with the Prime Minister in Brittany, will soon return, to be confronted by a series of deputations demanding protection. So far he has not been encouraging to the deputations, for he contends that what we need is work and production, for the state of the world creates an effective protection of one sort and another greater than the most ardent tariff reformer ever asked for. At the same time he is watching the customs returns very closely and when there is evidence of slumping coming he will frame legislation to prevent it materialising.

DIRECT ACTION.

The Labour conference in Glasgow has clearly shown that the Labour men have grown a little nervous about direct action to enforce demands instead of reliance on the ballot box. The sober spirits have overridden the hot heads, and so the matter is settled for the present. The fact is that Labour sees a strong likelihood of greater political responsibility for its party in the future and does not want to be too burdened with extremist action. Moreover the Russian spectacle has had a decided effect in disabusing their minds of theoretical phantasies.

There is some evidence, also, of a realisation of the gravity of the situation as brought about by restricted output. In think there is reasonable hope of a return to activity and sanity in the near future. Even then, the eight hour day, brought in for political reasons, will act as a decided drag, for it is physically impossible to get the same amount of work out of a shortened day. At any rate we are seeing proofs—or apparent proofs—of that every day and every where.

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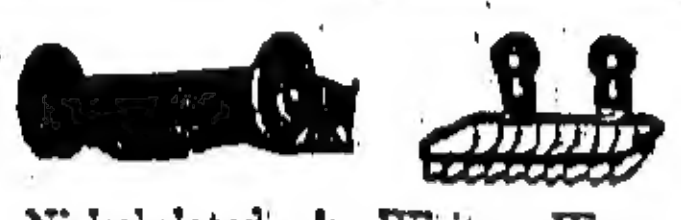
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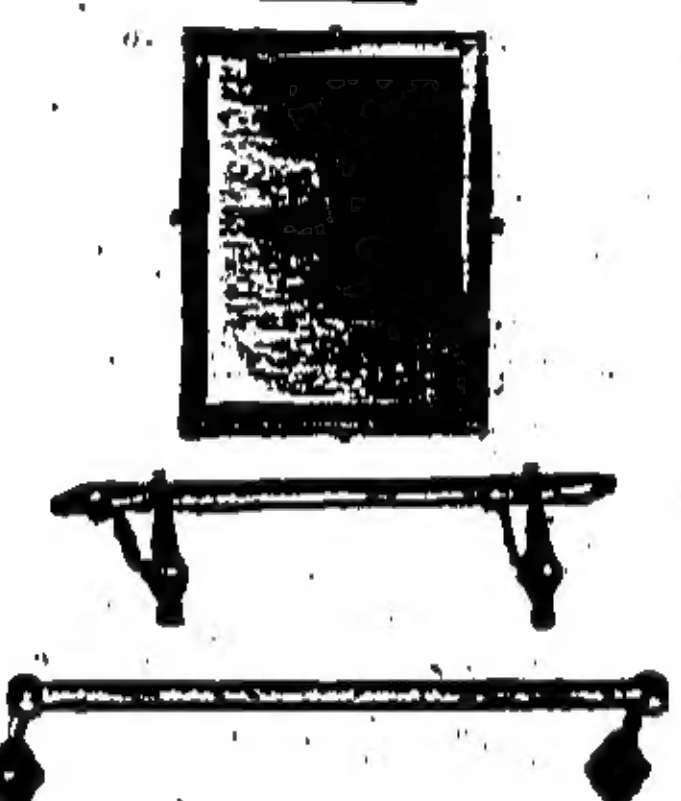
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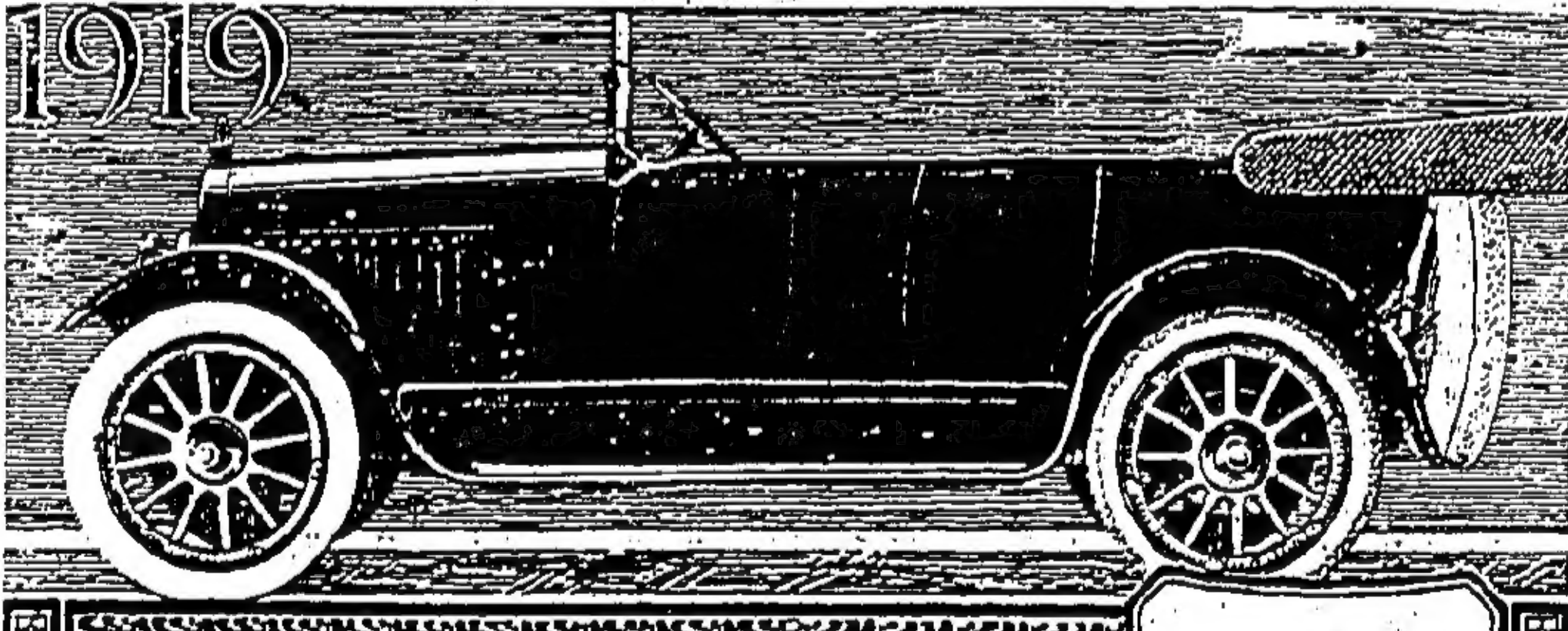
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A. S. WATSON & CO., LIMITED.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that
an EXTRAORDINARY GEN-
ERAL MEETING of A. S. WATSON
& CO., LIMITED, will be held at the
HONGKONG HOTEL, on the 5th day
of November, 1919, at NOON, when
the subjoined resolution, which was
passed at the Extraordinary General
Meeting of the Company held on the
30th day of October, 1919, will be
submitted for confirmation as a Special
Resolution.

"That the new Articles already
approved by this Meeting, and for
the purpose of identification sub-
scribed by the Chairman thereof, be
and the same are hereby adopted
as the Articles of the Company to
the exclusion of and in substitution
for all the existing Articles
thereof."

Dated the 31st Day of October, 1919,
Hongkong.

JOHN D. HUMPHREYS & SON,
General Managers.

UNION INSURANCE SOCIETY
OF CANTON, LIMITED.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN
that an EXTRAORDINARY
GENERAL MEETING of the
SOCIETY will be held at the regis-
tered Office of the Society, Nos. 8
and 4 Queen's Building, Victoria in
the Colony of Hongkong, on FRI-
DAY, the Seventh Day of Novem-
ber, 1919, at 12 o'clock Noon, when
the subjoined Resolutions will be
proposed:—

1. That the fusion of the interests
of the Union Insurance Society
of Canton, Limited (in this and
the following Resolutions referred
to as "the Society"), and the
North China Insurance
Company, Limited (in this and
the following Resolutions referred
to as "the Company"), be
approved of and agreed to on
the following:—

(a) That shares of the Society
of the nominal value of
£10—each whereof £4—per
share shall be credited as
paid up be allotted to the
shareholders of the Com-
pany in exchange for the
shares of the Company in the
ratio of one and a half
shares of the Society for
each one share of the Com-
pany.

(b) That the Society in addi-
tion make payment to the
shareholders in the Com-
pany of the sum of 25 (Five
pounds) Sterling in cash for
each one share in the Com-
pany held by such share-
holders exchanging their
shares in manner and upon
the basis mentioned in
clause (a) above.

2. That for the purpose of carrying
into effect Resolution No. 1 (a)
above, the Society do issue
15,000 Shares of the nominal
value of £10 each (whereof the
sum of £4 per share is credited
as paid up) out of its unissued
capital of 104,000 shares.

3. That the 15,000 shares referred
to in Resolution No. 2 above
as and when issued do rank for
dividend and in all respects
par passu with the existing
Ordinary Shares of the Society
and that the balance (if any)
of such 15,000 shares be dealt
with in such manner as the
Board of Directors of the
Society shall think most bene-
ficial to the Society.

Dated this Twenty-fifth day of
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C. H. P. HAY,
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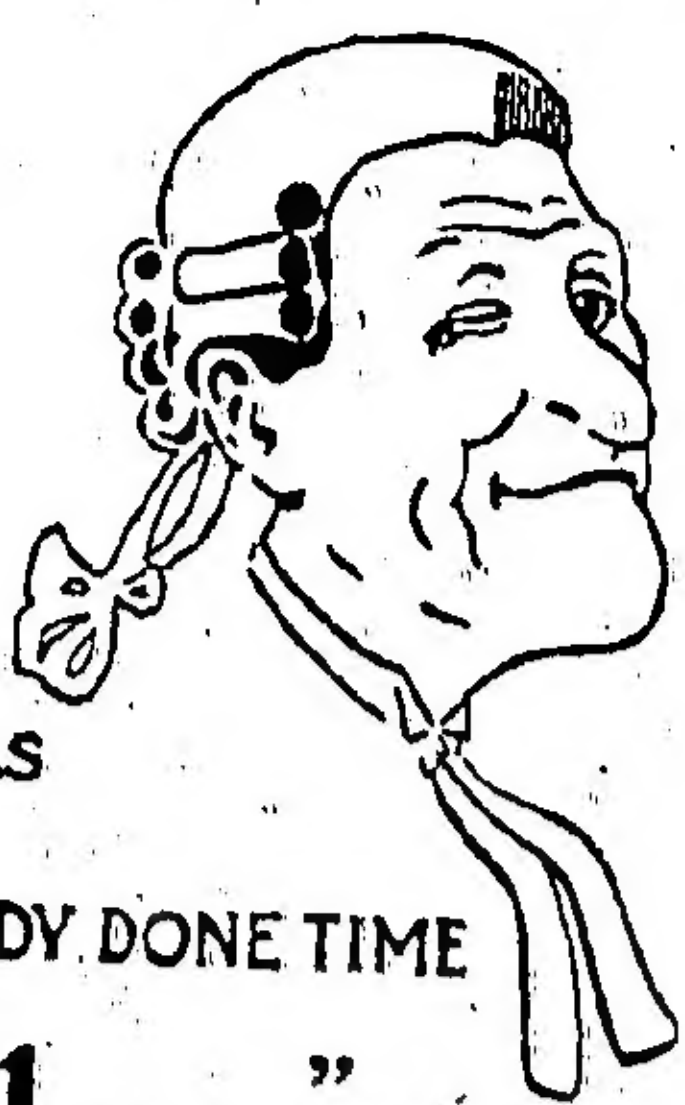
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MARRIAGE.

GALLUZZI-BANGROFT.—At St. Joseph's Church, on November 1, by His Lordship the Rt. Rev. Bishop Pozzetti, assisted by the Rev. Father Paezek, Ugo Cesare, son of Mr. and Mrs. A. Galluzzi, of Castiglione, Italy, to Christina, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. Bangroft, of Guernsey.

DEATH.

MARSHALL.—At the Matilda Hospital, Hongkong, on November 1, 1919, James Gray Marshall, Glasgow papers please copy.

The China Mail.

TRUTH, JUSTICE, PUBLIC SERVICE.

HONGKONG, MONDAY, NOV. 3, 1919.

ADVERSARIA.

Somebody ought to reveal the significance of the comports and exports of the cotton trade in Council to the Imports and Exports Department (that unsightly "bull" that war fever brought out on the epidemic of our previously healthy "free" port) he was good enough to tell us that the question of cotton, which was a war measure, would have to be reconsidered. Quite of course. So we sang dear. We remember that this war measure led to "certain statistics of cotton" (or something like it) were continued. He might also remember that when the trade becomes "nil," it is accurate, but scarcely satisfactory. That, of course, is carrying the argument to an extreme, but it indicates the point. What is the use of statistics accurately showing reduced trade? Which would we have, good trade and imperfect statistics, or perfect statistics of satisfactory trade? He says those were "acknowledged to be great things." Another thing, a great thing, a thing much more important than statistics, that is, knowledge by history and by all to have been of great use in the flow of our port. As an argument for the retention of restrictions, the statistics argument is a tail wagging the dog, of trying the mother to save the

baby, or (shall we say) of compelling the honourable gentleman to confine his figure in corsets because corsets are acknowledged to have been of great use. For the sake of the statistics he would insist on some method of "checking" exports and imports. Let him remember that the word "checking" has two meanings, and let him beware of the meaning he didn't and doesn't intend.

"Will the China Mail please pitch into Mr. Severn for saying that Kowloon people prefer hotels nowadays to private homes?" Thus a regular hotel down a few hasty notes. Suspect Mr. Severn has been reading gossip London journals. Hotels and restaurants there killing the state homes of England. Possibly here in Hongkong not so. No comparison between hotel life and comfort and privacy of own home. Everybody knows it. Hobson's choice. Having got thus far, it occurred to us to look up just what Mr. Severn did say. We find he didn't say that argument "falls with a dull, wish we were a hotel manager, or a policeman, or something that doesn't expose us quite so much to the peril of being put in the wrong by well-meaning friends.

Hongkong sinners are virtuous when there is any real danger of being put in something about the influence of prudence on rascality? When in the peril of being wrong we spoke of thinking of possible consequences, and certainly not of the approval or disapproval of public opinion. Virtue is its own reward, has a meaning for us, like "art for art's sake." We needn't brag about the fact that we go our own way and don't care a dam (which is a small Persian coin) what happens; but we do want you all to know that we are anxious, and reasonably careful, to be as truthful and fair as candid. When, like other mortals, we may err, don't impute it to us as wilful sin. The probability is, moreover, that we are often right than you think, for we are very old and fruitfully wise, and the Spirit of God is with us always.

AN UNSAVOURY because we usually applaud and support that public champion Mr. Alabaster we must not be counted as sequaciously bound to him like a party, henchman, or like the Gang-controlled Press, we now

press our nose in a scented handkerchief and approach an unpleasant subject on which we are not in agreement with him. He proposed and got carried an amendment objecting to a site chosen for a latrine on grounds that we consider should have told against him. He said it was near Barker Road Station, where it "must necessarily prove a nuisance." We agree with the Government experts that the site was well chosen. Railway stations are peculiarly appropriate positions for such affairs. Human nature, unfortunately, is so selfish and "unsocial" in its outlook that the average person doesn't care where such conveniences are placed so long as they are out of his own fastidious range. Such objections should never be entertained. Sites should be chosen with regard only to the greatest convenience of the greatest number. Until we attain to the mental purity of the French in this particular, we must go on building the absurd erections now considered proper. So long as we do that, there is no validity in any objection that can be raised to their location. So there.

This gentleman is THE HON. MR. ALABASTER everywhere R. G. SHEWAN, referred to in the Colony as "Bob Shewan"—as one might say Bob Smilie or John Morley, a greater honour, by the way, than many letters after one's name—and on reading his breezy speech in Council it was easy to guess why. It was a typically simple, sane, straight bit of talk, simple, sane, straight, and if not impeccably wise, it was the sort of utterance of which no good statesman need ever be ashamed. His reference to the "delicate question" of opium smuggling exhibited some of the delicacy of a bull in a China shop, but we needn't dwell on that part of it. The Civil Service will probably applaud with full hearts the rather strong terms in which he referred to the delay in attending to their pressing affairs. Those of us who are not Civil Servants may be forgiven a quiet snicker over his remark that they injure their health by remaining out here and working, a thing that lots of us have to do and chance it. As a class they look smooth and pink enough, and some of us envy them. Anyway, they always have their remedy in their own hands. Let them form a Trade Union. We'll provide them a secretary and a treasurer. When we think of the gorgeous headlines that might yet appear—Civil Service Strike—Peaceful Picketing at Government House—and so on, our weary eyes turn bright, and our Bolshevistic compasses tingle as they did the night when the lady in the old gold—but hush! Our editor's feet are on the stairs.

We confess to some surprise—that there should have been any yet no frank assurance from the Government that it sympathizes with our aspirations to see the last of that damnable outrage to British susceptibilities, conscription. Glancing again at the brief and matter-of-fact reference by G. O. C. and looking in vain for any more warm-hearted utterance by the other Panjandrums, we feel very curious to know what their inner minds are like about this business. We can construct the G. O. C.'s thoughts, as the German professor did the dromedary, out of our inner consciousness. "They are soldiers. What? As soldiers, the beggars must do as they're told, until in our good time we release 'em." Which will be in about a month. The normal mind, of course, sees the Defence Corps as something more than soldiers. They are loyal citizens and busy business men to whom the Government owes more recognition than perfunctory thanks. If they are soldiers, and Army Act, and all that sort of thing, are they drawing Army Pay? We would be likely to look kindly on the ally take their place unless they were shown some consideration. Here at this Legislative Council meeting was an opportunity to say that their case was sympathetically understood and under consideration—almost any flippant word that sort would have done good. All we were the calm announcement that 250 men over 40 were not being over drilled and might experience a further change when the regulars come out a month hence. Nothing about the others, who are also Britons, with British notions about conscription and red tape and the unfairness of imposing on good nature after all real excuse for technical enforcement has passed.

In a footnote to a woman's contribution in Saturday's *China Mail* our editor said something about securing point of view. Optimistic man, the editor is. If only he can secure it, what a splendid thing it will be. It is obvious to the most thickheaded man, surely, that everything in life must look different to a woman. She must see and feel everything from a different angle to ours. Yet when we read imitations of male work, from the male point of view. Women journalists, also, are prone to copy the

most horrid model they could possibly choose. We hope our new lady colleague will talk with her pen as she would talk to a woman friend in her boudoir, with hair down, kimono and comfy slippers on; and forget everything she has ever read of male journalism. Only so will she give us originality, personality, and the feminine angle of approach. Sex divides even lovers, however, and it is but rarely that a man, however sympathetic, can get the point-of-view of the woman who talks confidently to him of the things that interest them both, equally it may be, but differently. Perhaps, remembering the stupid mental barriers between man and man, it is not to be wondered at. Perhaps the sexes are for ever foreigners to each other, and unwilling.

THE GOVERNOR. Would it be less AND JOE majesty to speculate CHAMBERLAIN, late on how far we may deduce His Excellency's (party) political views from his reference in Council—his reverent reference, we had almost said—to the late Mr. Joseph Chamberlain? Maybe it would be an impertinence uncalculated for, so we refrain. We know all about that casting tag "de moribus nati bonum," generally said for people who do not hesitate to speak ill of the living whom they can injure, and our familiarity does not prevent us from confessing for the Chamberlains, father or son. The Governor's allusion was to Mr. Shewan's attack on the system of "duty pay," and he said that Mr. Chamberlain, who was responsible for it, was not open to the criticisms of the hon. member. If that means that none of the acts of the late Mr. Shewan, or of any historian or journalist, are open to the criticism of a man's acts live after him, and affect posterity. Posterity always has the right to criticize and amend. That's serious. Half in fun we now go on to say that it is not "entirely worthy," that is to say, not entirely sensible, to say that a man "should receive more money when doing his work than when he's not." What are wages for but for work done? Next time the boss brings to our modest wage, we're going to quote the Governor to him. "Look here, Boss. You've given us our wages. Now where's our duty pay, for the work we did." If, as is likely, he calls that "entirely unworthy," we'll refer him to His Excellency.

WE had a reference to the day to the enterprise of an American in sending the great Chester Doyle to the Orient to "boost" the Honolulu route and their claims to cater for the traveller. Mr. Doyle has reached Japan already. He is going to Peking, Shanghai, and Manila. He will call at Hongkong on his way to India. Mr. Doyle is a remarkable man with a remarkable history. He was taken to Japan as an infant, attended a Yokohama school, and still speaks Japanese fluently. He is a philosopher, and a wit, and the ideal man for the job he has now undertaken. On a recent trip across the United States, "from strike to strike and race riot to race riot," as he himself put it, he registered everywhere as "Chester Doyle and Valise," a whim which naturally gave prominence in American papers, who appreciate originality.

UNOFFICIALS who in 1917 he AND was "the most unpopular man in Ceylon," merely because he kept the legislators at work on the estimates during the August race week. That's the sort of governor we like, and those are not the species of legislators we admire. If our local representatives were minded to put racing before public business, which is not yet alleged, we could do without them. In the easy-going days before the war, the "Mother of Parliaments" often showed this same failure to appreciate the paramount importance of their work over sport, but the people will not tolerate that sort of thing now. We would rather have a worker, however "unpopular," than a slacker to manage our affairs, and it seems that in Hongkong we've got one. Good business!

DE VUELLE'S EMPLOYERS.

When the creditors met under the compulsory liquidation of Hockley, Ltd., dressmakers, Bond-street House, W., the Official Receiver said he understood that the department created last September by Reggie de Vuelle (who figured prominently in the Billie Carleton cocaine case) for a valuable asset.

Mr. E. Laurillard became a director in September last, added the Official Receiver. By an agreement he was to receive half the net profits of the theatrical department in consideration of the business introduced by him. The sales of that department for ten months had amounted to £8,000.

On behalf of certain shareholders, Mr. J. J. Edwards said that the director proposed to make an offer for the business which would enable an immediate payment of 20s. in the £ to be made to the trade creditors. It was decided to leave the liquidation in the Official Receiver's hands.

SPECIAL CABLE

[China Mail Special]

ANOTHER STEAMER LOST.

FAZILKA ASHORE ON NICOBARS.

Singapore, Nov. 1. The steamer Fazilka, Captain Wiles, on her way to Madras, went ashore yesterday at the Nicobars. It is feared she will be a total loss. The mails and first class passengers were taken to Colombo on the "Mytilus." The third class passengers came to Singapore on the "Westmodus."

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

To-day's dollar is worth 4/5 7/16d.

No communicable diseases in to-day's return.

Mr. F. X. d'Almada returned yesterday by the s.s. "Columbia" after a short holiday up North.

Among the passengers on the s.s. "Kaga Maru," which left on the 1st were the Marquis and Marchioness Nakamikado.

The first of the series of Hongkong Hotel "Tea Dances" will be held to-morrow, at 4.30 p.m. Admission, including tea \$2.

The lecture on "Lord Kelvin," to be delivered by Professor Warren, at the Helena May Institute, has been postponed to Nov. 17 at 5.15 p.m.

The B. & S. s.s. "Tean" left port yesterday for Shanghai, with the "Vanity Fair" party as passengers. Mr. Edgar Warwick said they would be returning shortly.

The R.M.S. "Princess" came into port yesterday afternoon, and had on board a large number of passengers, the majority being military officers and their families.

Mr. A. B. Allan, of the Naval Yard, is organizing a concert, to take place at the Seamen's Institute on Thursday evening next. The proceeds will be devoted to the insatiable funds.

Consignees are reminded that all goods per the s.s. "Namsang" and the s.s. "Yatsing" not cleared by to-morrow will be subject to rent. Damaged goods per the s.s. "West Sequana" will be examined to-morrow.

Owing to the indisposition of the Chief Justice, the hearing of the case in which Cheng Loi and Cheung San Loi are charged with the murder of Li Yau Choi, of Lan Tau, on Aug. 29, which was to have been taken to-day, has been postponed until Nov. 11.

A number of local residents left for England by the s.s. "Khiva" yesterday morning, among them being Mrs. Kennedy (wife of Captain Kennedy of the Indo-China S. N. Co.) and family, Mrs. Packham (wife of Mr. R. Packham of Kowloon Godowns) and Miss E. M. Packham, Mrs. Dutton (wife of Mr. S. H. Dutton of E. D. Sassoon and Co.) and two children, Mr. and Mrs. H. F. Stapleton and two children, Mrs. Gerrard (wife of Police Inspector Gerrard) and family, Mr. W. Rodney of the Naval Dockyard with Mrs. Rodney and family, Mr. and Mrs. W. Perkins and family, Mrs. Wright and family, etc.

SERIOUS FIRE AT YAUMATEI.

INMATES BURNED TO DEATH, AND OTHERS MISSING.

A very serious outbreak of fire took place at 2.45 this morning at Nos. 223 and 235 Shanghai Street, Yaumatei.

The fire originated on the ground floor of No. 233 which was occupied by a Chinese medicine dealer. The alarm was raised, and the Fire Brigade turned out immediately. When it reached the burning building the flames were spreading fiercely, and in spite of a sufficient supply of water, the flames spread to No. 235. Some of the inmates escaped in a hurry, but the cook at No. 233 in trying to escape was overcome by the smoke and perished in the flames. An inmate of No. 235 was also burned to death. Four others are now reported missing from No. 233. The cause of the outbreak is not known, and the amount of damage cannot yet be assessed.

ANOTHER FIRE. A fire is reported to have taken place at Au Tau Island. A fire in a bamboo ware shop is alleged to have thrown the end of a cigarette into a quilt, and thus caused the fire. The shop was completely gutted. The damaged is about \$1,200.

EARLY COLDS.

BE careful of the colds you take at this time of the year. They are particularly dangerous. A cold may mean a winter-long illness. Chamberlain's Cough Remedy at once keeps.

"CHIN CHIN HONGKONG."

"PRIZE PACKETS" WORK FOR M.C.C.

Unless more tickets were sold than seats that were occupied on Saturday night, the Ministering Children's League cannot have derived much pecuniary help from the performance of "Prize Packets." It was a small audience, not calculated to inspire the performers. A number of service men, particularly sailors, professed audible disapproval, but that may have been due to the long stage waits. The curtain was about half an hour in going up, and the "interval" was unduly prolonged. The three girls are very clever, and for a shorter show (say in a picture house) would be sure to go well. It was too much to ask them to carry practically an all night show on their slender shoulders. The one called Zillah has a wonderful voice, well trained and beautifully managed, and in addition she is very graceful and pretty. In Indian costume, singing "Hindustani," she was charming. She also does the coter donah very well. The other two do more or less ordinary vaudeville stunts quite well. Ronald Bentley, an amateur, was a good Chinese boy. Lieut. Col. Cross on the piano is too well known to need appraisal. He gave us a jolly little trifle of his own. The "revue" had a good deal of original work put into it; the local "fish" parody of Ronald Bentley, for instance. The hardest worker of the lot was the orchestra. Mr. Weatherley doing it all himself and doing it well. Nevertheless, for no fault of the individuals concerned, the entertainment must be described as unsuccessful. It failed to "go."

FISHING JUNK ATTACKED BY PIRATES.

TWO OF THE CREW KILLED.

On Saturday night at about 9 p.m. while a fishing junk was sailing off Lamna Island, it sighted a sampan, not very far away which gave an order to the master of the junk to stop. The latter did not take any notice until shots were fired. Then he did. The sampan, containing five or six men came alongside the junk and the pirates boarded it. They were armed with revolvers. Two of the crew who resisted being searched were shot. The master was severely injured. The junk was then ransacked, and money, clothing and a quantity of salt fish were stolen to the value of \$155.

A report was received from the master of another fishing junk who stated that at 7 p.m. on the same evening, some men in a sampan near Lamna Island attacked his boat and kidnapped three of his crew. It is naturally believed that these pirates were the same as those who made the later attack. No arrests have yet been made.

A HONGKONG PHILANTHROPIST.

GENEROUS DONATION.

The John G. Kerr Hospital for the Blind and the Ming Sam School for the Deaf at Fong Tsuen, Canton, have occasion for rejoicing. Mr. J. Patell of Hongkong has made it possible for both institutions to erect two-story buildings for which there is crying need. Mr. Patell has most generously donated to the Hospital for the Insane \$5,000 for a building containing wards which will greatly relieve the congestion now existing. The Ming Sam School is to have \$2,000 for an infirmary for sick pupils or those needing special care. Thus the dormitories need not be overcrowded as heretofore and the general health of the institution will be promoted. Isolation can be provided for a contagious case and the best sleeping accommodation given to the delicate. They are naturally very grateful to Mr. Patell for his philanthropy.

"KHIVA" MEN GRATEFUL.

We are courteously informed by the D.A.A. and Q.M.G. that the following letter dated Oct. 31 has been received by him from the O.C. Troops on board s.s. "Khiva" for England:

Major C. Leslie Smith, D.A.A. and Q.M.G. Will you please convey through the Press the best thanks of all ranks to those concerned who kindly contributed the different articles sent for the comfort of the troops proceeding Home on board the s.s. "Khiva."

Setton L. Cohen, Captain, The Yorkshire Regt. O. C. Troops on board.

A FAVOURITE RUB DOWN.

THE golfer, the football player and the all round athlete know the value of Chamberlain's Pain Balm. It is just the thing for a rub down after a hard game. All soreness disappears in one-third less time than by any other treatment. For sale by all Chemists and Storekeepers.

THE DRESSES AT SATURDAY'S GYMKHANA.

There was a considerable gathering of smart society at Saturday's Gymkhana. As is usual at this time of the year, the costumes of the ladies varied in texture from lightest summer garb to heavy winter costumes, and even touches of fur.

A blazing sun made those who wore in winter clothes regret their haste, even though some of them, looked like the very latest from London or Paris.

The custom which ordains that society should be entertained in boxes, adds to comfort and enjoyment, but detracts from the general picturesqueness of the scene; for one does not get that brilliant effect given by pretty dresses and on the greens, or crowding the stand which is associated with most race courses.

Notes and criticism on clothes have to be effected during the brief intervals, when the return of the horses and riders, draws those who are sportingly inclined from their cool lairs to line the short path from the course to the stables.

Then only does the happy sporting ground assume a really gay aspect. Tea and refreshments being served in the boxes also contributes to the exclusiveness of meenagers and makes things a little dull from the spectacular point of view.

The racing was good and most people seemed keenly interested, in the ponies, the riders and the betting. Among the spectators in the boxes and sometimes on the lawns were the Commodore's party, Mrs. Gurney in a graceful gown of heavy grey crepe de chine handomely embroidered and made into a long coat, her black hat had folds of grey to match the dress and was relieved by a bright nosegay of flowers.

Mrs. Oliver wore one of the prettiest dresses on the course. It was of smoke coloured georgette trimmed with a design of chenille or silk braid, the skirt was banded with satin of a deeper shade of smoke grey and the bodice carried out the same effect, her black hat had a trimming of black ostrich laid flat on the trim which shaded the face, in a most becoming and soft line, the whole turned out was extremely simple and delightfully smart.

The Misses Gordon wore their pretty bridemaids frocks of ivory silk poplin trimmed with fur, and their beaver-hats were encircled with fur, with them was Miss Leith who is paying a prolonged visit to the Colony. A pretty dress of grey georgette trimmed with bands of blue was worn by Mrs. Moxon, who was accompanied by her daughter. Mrs. Hinchcock wore a cool looking white and blue voile with a hat of grey straw lined with pink. Smart dresses were worn by Mrs. Crockett, Mrs. F. Smyth and Mrs. Plummer. Mrs. Anderson looked very handsome in a costume of royal blue cloth, with one of the new coats of long straight lines, which depend entirely on the fit and correctness of the cut and line for smartness, her toque was of the same material and colour as the dress. Another of these new coats was carried out in grey velvet and was worn by a very pretty girl, a stranger to the Colony. The few well made winter costumes indicated a tendency to carry out simple lines. Women who desire to follow this fashion must remember the importance of good cut and see that their tailor has a correct pattern, if they intrust the making to a Chinaman.

One sees more hopeless travesties when the over daring try to follow extreme fashion in their desire to emulate the styles appearing in the Vogue and other American and French fashion books. Some of the costumes on the race course were ruined by a disregard of such details as shoes and stockings, for instance. Winter costumes of cloth or velvet combined with white stockings to brown or black shoes struck a discordant note, while a very pretty girl in blue chamoisee with a short skirt wore black walking shoes, and black stockings, suitable for country wear, or walking costume, but not for lawns or for garden party or race course when given to that sort of costume.

The Band of H.M.S. "Hawkins" played during the afternoon, the music was excellent and added gaiety and brightness to the show.

A FAMOUS SOHO HOUSE.

The house in Dean-street, Soho, in which Sir James Thornhill resided, is to be demolished. It was in this house that Queen Anne sat for her portrait by Sir James. There, too, Hogarth, who became Sir James' son-in-law, received part of his art training. The house has been used as a warehouse for some years, although the magnificent staircase remains, and a number of handsome rooms retain their main features.

INDIGESTION AND BILIOUSNESS.

YOU should not eat food of any kind when bilious, but take a full dose of Chamberlain's Tablets and drink plenty of water. That will cleanse the stomach, move the bowels, and restore the system to a healthy condition. For sale by all Chemists and Storekeepers.

DEATH OF NAVAL YARD OFFICER.

MR. JOHN MARSHALL.

The death has to be recorded, on Saturday, of Mr. John Marshall of the Naval Yard (Stores Dept.) after nearly 24 years' residence in the Colony. The funeral took place yesterday afternoon, at Happy Valley and was attended by the heads of the various Naval Stores Departments, including Messrs. Platt, Murgridge and Barnett and practically all the naval ratings connected there with. The Rev. J. Kirk Macdonald officiated at the graveside and at the conclusion of the obsequies a large number of floral tributes were laid upon the grave, including wreaths from "his Dearly Beloved Wife and Children," "From Lally and Roly," "Charlie and Marion," "Janet," Mr. and Mrs. D. Tolan and Family, Mr. and Mrs. Murgridge, Mr. and Mrs. Leonard, The Commodore and Principal Officers of Dept. Naval Yard, Mr. and Mrs. Platt, the Native Writers of The Naval Store Dept., Mr. and Mrs. Marriott, Mr. F. J. Jenner, Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Budden, Members of the Naval Yard Police, The United Service Lodge No. 1341 E. C. Mr. Hearn, Sergeant and Mrs. George, The Store Staff Royal Naval Yard, Messrs O. and S. Ismail, The Committee and Members of the United Football Club, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Woolley, and Family, Mr. Kau Yee, Mr. and Mrs. Sullivan, and Family, Mr. and Mrs. F. A. Brown, Mr. and Mrs. Phillips, Mrs. M. Brown, The Hongkong Nippon Printing Press and numerous others testifying to the esteem which the deceased was held by his fellow workers and friends.

Mr. Marshall was a native of Dumbarton (Scotland) and at the age of 18 joined the Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders. He arrived in Hongkong in 1895 and joined the Dockyard Police whence he was transferred to the Naval Stores Department. He was invalided out of the Service in June last and had been recommended for a pension. He leaves behind a widow and family for whom much sympathy is felt.

LATEST SHIPPING NEWS.

ARRIVALS.

The B. & S. s.s. "Sunning" (Capt. Benson) arrived this morning from Shanghai with 380 tons of general cargo, and 81 bags of mails.

The N. Y. K. s.s. "Kawachi Maru" (Capt. Shinomija) arrived yesterday from Singapore with a heavy cargo of machinery, and 9 bags of mails.

The N.Y.K. s.s. "Tenshin Maru," (Captain Hideshima) arrived yesterday from Moji with 37,518 tons of general cargo, and 24 bags of mails.

The N.Y.K. s.s. "Kanagawa Maru" (Captain Nami) arrived yesterday morning from Moji with 283 8/10 tons of general cargo, and 11 bags of mails.

The M.M. s.s. "Paul Lecat" (Capt. Broc) arrived this morning from Shanghai with 1 returned cargo, and 52 bags of mails. She had 371 passengers.

The O. S. K. s.s. "Soshu Maru" (Capt. Toyota) arrived from Swatow yesterday with 357 tons of general cargo, 18 bags of mails and 2 Portuguese passengers.

The s.s. "Prinzessin" (Capt. Meagle) Mackinnon Mackenzie & Co. arrived at 5 p.m. yesterday from Shanghai with 1,800 tons of general cargo, and 214 passengers.

DEPARTURES.

The s.s. "Lienching" is leaving at 5 p.m. to-day for Shanghai.

The s.s. "Sunning" (Capt. Benson) left at 4 p.m. to-day for Canton.

The N.Y.K. s.s. "Kawachi Maru," left at noon to-day for Yokohama with 120 tons of merchandise.

The s.s. "St. Albans," (Captain Smith) left at 3 p.m. to-day for Sydney, with 1,200 tons of general cargo.

The B. & S. s.s. "Eurymedon" (Capt. Baxters) left at 3 p.m. to-day for New York, with 1,000 tons of general cargo.

MAILS DUE.

The following mails are due—
From Europe per s.s. "Bendelsueh" to-day.
From Japan per s.s. "Indus Maru" 4th.
From the Straits per s.s. "Mishima Maru" 5th.

LORD ROTHERMERE'S ARTICLE.

CONSERVATIVE LEADERS' SUPREMACY AUTHORITY.

A political event is Lord Rothermere's article on "Mr. Bonar Law's six months' Premiership," which occupied a whole page in the "Sunday Pictorial." Some commentators summarise it in four letters: B.L.M.G., meaning "Bonar Law must go!"

Lord Rothermere lays the whole blame for the Government's extravagance upon Mr. Bonar Law and his Conservative associates in the Cabinet, who, he declares, have "exercised practically exclusive and open authority during the first six months of the present disastrous year," owing to Mr. Lloyd George's absence at the Peace Conference.

Mr. Lloyd George, Lord Rothermere declares, might still accomplish this great task of reducing our expenditure within manageable limits, but he will never do it while he remains under the domination of a Conservative Coalition. There is no time to lose. He must soon choose his path, or leave the task for others.

On the other hand, and simultaneously, the political correspondent of the "Sunday Times" says:

In the political world, which in recent times has been zealously pushing the interests of the Secretary for War, the latest *mot d'ordre* is to make Mr. Bonar Law the scapegoat of the present Ministerial "foundering and foundering." The representation is that, with Mr. Lloyd George absorbed in the peace negotiations at Paris, the Lord Privy Seal has been Prime Minister in all but name, with complete control of affairs at home; that he has proved himself utterly unequal to the responsibility placed upon him; and that, therefore, in the now familiar formula "B.L.M.G."

It may be confidently expected that the Prime Minister will take the earliest opportunity of dissociating himself publicly from this preposterous attempt to whitewash him at the expense of a loyal and intimate colleague. One has only to recall the events of the last few months to realise how mythical is the suggestion of Mr. Bonar Law's "unchallenged control." If Mr. Lloyd George has been in Paris he has not been inaccessible to his Ministers, who have constantly crossed the Channel to take his decisions on the urgent matters of their several departments, and in every acute phase of domestic politics he has always played the *deus ex machina* who alone can soothe the troubled waters. Whatever may be Mr. Bonar Law's shortcomings as a statesman, he has never been more than the Premier's lieutenant and if he has failed in that capacity the responsibility for his continuance rests directly on the Prime Minister.

PREMIER'S SECOND THOUGHTS.

With regard to the Premier's letter on official waste, which was published exclusively in *The Daily Mail*, the same correspondent says:

Mr. Lloyd George's letter to his colleagues in his Ministry was the "second thoughts" of his speech in the House of Commons two days earlier. In that speech, it will be remembered, he gave no promises of an immediate reduction in our ruinously expended the Department of Munitions—from the charge of extravagance. This line was mainly responsible for the disappointment and coolness with which the speech was received in the House and by the country, and urgent representations were made to the Prime Minister by certain of his advisers that he should "come out strong" on retrenchment without delay. Hence the letter and its subsequent publication.

"NO RUTHLESS ECONOMY POSSIBLE UNDER CONSERVATIVE RULE."

Appended are a few of the salient paragraphs of Lord Rothermere's article:

The present Coalition is not a true Coalition at all, but a confused and incomplete amalgamation of parties which conceals the fact that we are really being controlled by a Conservative Government.

The Conservatives are now the real repositories of power and the dictators of policy. It suits them very well to be camouflaged by a nominal Coalition, which screens them from criticism while enabling them to control all great decisions.

The Conservative leaders exercise supreme authority behind the veil. Although the country never realised it, they further exercised practically exclusive and open authority during the first six months of the present disastrous year.

From January to July Mr. Bonar Law was, in everything but name, the Prime Minister of this country, while Mr. Lloyd George, the nominal Prime Minister, was in reality our Minister Plenipotentiary in Paris.

I lay stress upon the special responsibility attaching to Mr. Bonar Law, because under the political system the Prime Minister possesses an enormous amount of direct authority. Though Mr. Bonar Law was given the authority, he failed to exercise it and simply let things drift.

I respect the sincerity, the patriotism, and the plain common sense of Mr. Bonar Law, but these qualities have not sufficed to help us in a time of supreme trial.

Ministers had an incomparable chance when the new House of

KINEMA NOTES.

THE CORONET.

The Management of the Coronet Kinema still goes on from strength to strength and triumph to triumph, the latest achievement being the screening of that masterpiece of the film producer's art, "The Auction Block." The quality of this picture-drama may be judged from the fact that the Coronet has been packed to the doors upon each occasion the film has been presented. The story is founded upon Rex Beach's well-known novel, and deals with an American matrimonial tangle, exemplifying the evils resulting from marriages of convenience, where the almighty dollar is the main consideration. The attendant debauchery and vice which almost invariably accompanies such unions are vividly depicted in the various scenes. Buchanan's orgies, intrigues and all the whole gamut of debauchery are dealt with in such a manner as to point out a strong moral lesson. The picture, which is to be seen for two more nights only should be seen by all. Special mention must be made of the music provided, which is of first rate order. Booking is at Robinson's.

ANSWERS TO CORRESPONDENTS.

"Kawloonic" —No, those two Salamanders are not the thing which You Make houses warm.
F. M. B.—Dear boy, you mean well, but your knowledge of English is too great. We cannot give you the best part of two columns in which to contradict heavily six words of American hyperbole. A man is never so great as the puffing journalists make him, and it is easy to find a mere nutmeg grater. With regard to Filipino politics, we prefer to wait and see.

Commons met. They had at their back a huge and pliant majority, obviously ready to do anything it was told to do. Why did they not resolutely grip the Departments and force them to stop all waste?

I know nothing to compare with the spectacle of our Ministers aimlessly foundering in an ocean of debt, never making an effort to get things right, irritated when they were challenged by retive members, and vainly wringing their hands when confronted in the end with the mess they had made.

All this time Mr. Lloyd George, after his stupendous exertions throughout the war, was carrying the almost Atlas-load of the negotiations in Paris. From this task it was not possible even for a moment to relax his attention.

Therefore, it was Mr. Bonar Law and his colleagues in London, and not the Ministers in Paris, who were responsible for the situation which arose in Northern Russia this summer.

Our situation in Northern Russia is still extremely critical. The responsibility for "evacuating" by attempting a long march forward presumably rests upon Mr. Churchill and upon the Conservative members of the War Cabinet.

To all intents and purposes Mr. Churchill has again become a member of the Conservative Party, in which as an advocate of big armaments he will find full play for his striking abilities. He has announced his adherence to the Centre Party, an almost wholly Conservative body. There is no room for Mr. Churchill in a Liberal Party devoted to a policy of searching administrative economy and to anti-militarism. Of such a policy he is an almost open foe.

When the question of future expenditure upon armaments became urgent, quite early in the session, no adequate attempt was made to impose the limitations rendered urgently requisite by changed conditions. In effect the fighting services were left to fix their own standards of strength.

Diminutive efforts are now being made to exercise control, but I maintain that while we are ruled by a camouflaged Conservative Government effective economies in the combatant forces will remain impossible. The reason is that the Coalition is in the grip of the fighting service, which have always maintained close and special relations with the Conservative Party.

I believe Mr. Lloyd George could still carry the nation with him if he came back from Normandy, and, discarding his present entanglements, declared that henceforth he would devote himself to the restoration of national solvency.

He would have to announce a complete cessation of all foreign crusades, and to insist upon a small Navy and a small Army. He would have to cut away the parasitical bureaucracy which is eating up our national resources. He would be compelled to jettison most of the new and costly domestic reforms, including much of the legislation involving new outlay upon which Parliament has been blindly employed.

For him it would be a big breaking-away. The combatant services and their backers will fight to the death. It will be a harder struggle than the war, but he would have the people on his side. Our industrial classes, whose fundamental political sanity is again being proved, are fast coming to understand that reckless Government expenditure, threatening national bankruptcy, will involve them in utter ruin as quickly as any other section of the community.

FARM GIRLS' FEATS.

PIGS PULLED OUT OF WATER BY THEIR EARS.

The life of a land girl is not devoid of its exciting moments. The latest list of awards for distinguished service, given in the current number of the *Landswoman*, includes the following:

Miss J. Barr, Hertford, who, when some valuable pigs ran on to ice and fell into the water, succeeded at great personal risk in pulling them out by hanging on to a fence with one hand and catching hold of their ears with the other.

Mrs. A. Gray, Middlesex, quieted cows and extricated them from a dangerous position when the roof of a cowshed collapsed.

Miss W. Walder, North Riding, rescued a valuable mare which she found astride barbed wire.

Miss M. Starkey, Buckinghamshire, showed great skill in rearing a valuable herd, especially young bulls.

Miss R. Leversuch, Worcester, nursed a cow suffering from a contagious disease.

Miss C. Taylor, Maidstone, had her hair, hands, and ears burned in saving an "old man" whose apron caught fire.

Miss K. Pitman, Wiltshire; Miss W. Thorogood, West Suffolk; and Miss E. Thomas, Wiltshire, also received awards for courage.

EFFECT OF WAR ON MORALS.

PREACHER'S COMMENTS ON THE HYDE MURDER.

A special memorial service to Ivy Wood, the murdered Hyde girl, was held at the Flowery Field Church. The church was decorated with a profusion of flowers.

In the course of his sermon, the Rev. J. S. Burgess spoke of his lowered moral standard consequent on the war. For four and a half years we had, he said, taken men from home, from sheltered lives, and had drawn out of them one single passion. We had cultivated hatred and had sharpened passion to the point of destroying human life. To give men strength for that they had been inflamed. Was it likely that a politician could sign a document demobilising these men that it was possible for them to come back and resume the moral unity of their life which for over four years had been deliberately distorted? No. That was one of the gravest consequences of war, independent both of victory and of defeat.

INDIAN FAMINE DECREASING.

The India Office has received the following telegram from the Viceroy, Revenue and Agriculture Department, dated Aug. 30:

Rainfall generally satisfactory throughout India, but excessive rain has retarded agricultural operations and growth of crops in Central India, north of Central Provinces, Eastern Rajputana, and south of United Provinces. More rain required in Assam North-East, Bengal Deccan, and Hyderabad. Agricultural outlook generally free from anxiety. Crops are excellent in Punjab, Berar, and North Bombay, and good or satisfactory elsewhere except in small portions of Bombay Deccan. Prices still rising in Bengal and Assam owing to depletion of stocks, but elsewhere steady or falling slightly. Demand for Burma rice is keen in Bengal and Madras, but slack in Bombay. Fodder situation much easier, and condition of cattle improved. No marked change in economic situation, but area of distress caused by famine and scarcity is gradually narrowing.

TO-DAY'S ADVERTISEMENT.

NOTICE.

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THE above-mentioned vessel having arrived from the above-mentioned Ports, Consignees of Cargo are hereby informed that their Cargo will be landed at their risk into the Hazardous and/or extra Hazardous Godowns of the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Co., Ltd., and stored at Consignees' risk.

Consignees of Cargo are hereby notified that they must produce an Import Permit signed by the Superintendent of the Imports and Exports, Hongkong, before bills of lading can be counter-signed. All broken, chafed and damaged Goods are to be left in the Godowns where they will be examined on November 7, at 10 a.m., and November 8, at 10 a.m.

All claims must be presented within a month of the steamer's arrival here, after which they cannot be received.

No Claim will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns, and all Goods remaining undelivered after November 8, will be subject to rent.

No Fire Insurance whatever will be effected.

Consignees are requested to send in their Bills of Lading for countersigning immediately.

PACIFIC MAIL STEAMSHIP CO.,
Alexandra Buildings,
Hongkong, November 3, 1919.

NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

From EUROPE AND STRAITS.

THE Company's Steamship "KAWACHI MARU," having arrived from the above Ports, Consignees of Cargo are hereby informed that their Goods are being landed and placed at their risk in the HONGKONG AND KOWLOON WHARF AND GODOWN CO.'S Godowns at Kowloon, where each consignment will be sorted out mark by mark and delivery can be obtained as soon as the Goods are landed.

Optional Goods will be carried on unless instructions are given to the contrary before Noon, To-day.

Goods not cleared by November 9, 1919, will be subject to rent.

Damaged packages must be left in the Godowns for examination by the Consignees and the Co.'s representatives at an appointed hour on TUESDAY and FRIDAY.

All claims must be presented within ten days of the steamer's arrival here, after which date they cannot be recognized. No claims will be admitted after the goods have left the Godowns.

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NEWS FROM HOME.

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every now and then, but save for these small matters he was a most genial peer. Many a time he has told me how he enjoyed his Far Eastern experiences in his youth. His marriage was ideal and his life full of varied activities.

BELGIUM REVIVING.

The Belgian people are making really heroic efforts to recover their badly shaken fortunes. Men who have just returned from Brussels and Ostend tell me that the people are making a brave show under very difficult conditions. They are born business people and their skill in engineering fortune out of hampering conditions has won the admiration of us all during the war. Now I understand they are showing the same qualities at home, despite much very real poverty.

I hear that there is a real chance of a settlement with Holland over the Scheldt problem. Belgium, according to this information, is to have the freedom of the river and there is to be a complete demilitarization of the southern estuary of the Scheldt in Zealand, Flanders and at Flushing. The forts are to be razed and the Dutch troops removed. Belgium will also have the right to deal with the buoys and beacons and her merchant fleet and warships will be able to navigate the waters at any time. This indicates the creation of a Belgian fleet, with British instructors. Already Belgium has a number of torpedo boats captured from the Germans.

Here in London many Belgians remain, and some are flourishing to such an extent in the City, especially as shipping agents, that some of their competitors are actively jealous. Writing of shipping reminds me that the first direct commercial steamer not chartered exclusively for the Government sailed on Friday afternoon from the Thames for Hamburg. She carried foodstuffs under the relief scheme arranged for in the Peace Treaty, whereby Germany pays gold in advance for foodstuffs, and also consignments of raw materials such as rubber, wool and fibres. The difficulty is that Germany has no exports available and so the outgoing ships have to charter onwards or return in ballast. In the latter case the outward freight has to pay for the double journey. That has forced the freight charges up to such an extent that it is cheaper to send a consignment to Berlin via Rotterdam than it is to deliver it direct into Hamburg.

THE LEAGUE OF NATIONS.

Like most things in these days, the League of Nations moves but slowly towards accomplishment. It is a hot subject in America, but not here. It had been hoped that the first meeting in Washington would take place this autumn, but it could not be brought about before next March. There is a great deal to be done before the League has a corporate existence. An active campaign is to be conducted in this country during the autumn, following a series of meetings at seaside resorts during the summer. On the anniversary of Armistice Day there will be special celebrations by the League and civic authorities all over the country will be asked to assist. It is believed that the delay will help in the end. The many little wars now proceeding are likely to diminish when the economic pressure of winter is felt. Then it will be easier to move towards the desired universal pacification.

MILITARY DIARIES AND OTHERS.

Lord Fisher's breezy reminiscences in the Times are attracting a good deal of attention and the general comment is "How's this for the Silent Navy?"

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SPORTS.

CRICKET.

H.K.C.C. DEFEAT C.R.C.

On the Cricket Club ground on Saturday, the home team met the C.R.C. team. The latter team did not make a very promising beginning, as it lost four wickets for thirty runs. Yew Man Tsun and Un Hew Fan, tried hard to improve the position, but Yew was caught behind the wickets after getting 27 runs. Stark of the Club retired after injuring his shoulders by trying to stop a ball. Blaker played in poor form, and gave too many chances. His long stand was a bit of luck. Un played steadily, and obtained 64 unbeaten.

The scores were:—

C.R.C.	
Ng Sze Kwong, b Humphrey	8
Choi Man Ping, c Mitchell, b Brand	5
Sin Man Ping, b Brand	5
G. Lee, b.w., Donnelly	7
Yew Man Tsun, c Mackenzie, b Brand	27
Un Hew Fan, not out	64
H. Ching, b Brand	2
J. Wong, b Brand	0
Wei Lee San, b Donnelly	4
K. K. Wong, b Donnelly	4
Yew Man Hon, c Brand, b Burnie	6
Extras	6
Total	143

Bowling Analysis.	
Donnelly	15 2 50
Brand	15 3 39
Humphrey	6 0 23
Burnie	3 0 10
McNicol	2 0 12
Paravinci	1 0 3

H.K.C.C.	
C. Blaker, st. Wei, b Yew	68
E. J. R. Mitchell, b.w. Un Hew Fan	38
R. S. Green, c Ng, b Yew	14
A. Brand, c Ng, b Yew	5
A. Burnie, b Yew Man Tsun	10
W. Mackenzie, b.w. Lee	1
J. D. Humphrey, not out	9
P. J. Dicks, c Wei, b Yew	8
L. D. McNicol, c Yew Man Hon, b Lee	0
Extras	4
Total (for 7 wickets)	157

P. G. Paravinci and D. E. Donnelly did not bat.

Bowling Analysis.	
Ching	0 0 2
Yew Man Tsun	1 0 51
Ng Sze Kwong	3 0 18
Lee	7 2 34
Un Hew Fan	3 0 48

CIVIL SERVICE BEATS UNIVERSITY.

The University team had a very poor outlook before the Civil Service team on Saturday on their own ground. Marley had only eight men with him. Redmond, Brayshaw and Wright, were absent. A few of the University players were new hands, and their style was not admired. The Civil Service won by 192 runs.

The scores were:—

CIVIL SERVICE.	
A. E. Wood, c and b Smith	50
G. H. Piercy, c Basto, b Marley	2
W. Brabury, run out	4
R. O. Hutchison, c Smith, b Marley	48
R. C. Thivy, run out	23
W. H. Edmonds, b Smith	0
Dr. Smalley, not out	25
F. Syme Thompson, c Chesh, b Marley	9
H. Kelly, not out	16
A. K. Mackenzie, b Smith	0
Extras	25
Total (for 8 wickets, dec.)	202

Bowling Analysis.	
Marley	18 0 48
Thivy	8 4 34
Smith	11 1 59

UNIVERSITY.

1st Innings.	
D. K. Samy, b Edmonds	1
G. E. Marley, b Wittichell	4
G. Smith, b Edmonds	1
R. Basto, not out	0
K. S. Cheah, b Edmonds	0
J. C. Thivy, retired hurt	0
H. H. Shing, b Wittichell	0
S. S. Thung, b Wittichell	0
Extras	4
Total	40

Three others, absent.

Bowling Analysis.	
Wittichell	5 2 3
Edmonds	4 2 3

UNIVERSITY.

2nd Innings.	
R. A. Basto, c Kelly, b Piercy	0
G. E. Marley, c Hutchison, b Syme	0
D. K. Samy, c Wood, b Piercy	11
G. Smith, b Syme Thompson	0
H. H. Shing, not out	0
K. S. Cheah, b Thompson	0
S. S. Thung, not out	0
Extras	8
Total (for 5 wickets)	20

Bowling Analysis.	
Syme Thompson	3 1 9
Piercy	2 3 1

CIVIL SERVICE 2ND XI BEAT CHINESE 2ND XI.

The Civil Service second string defeated the second team of the Chinese Club fairly easily by 5 wickets. Fincher batted very well for his size; he is a promising cricketer. Roylance played freely for 24 runs. For the Chinese, Lee Ying Chiu, who will probably soon be in the first team for his fielding, opened his shoulders to the bowlers during the short time he was at the wickets, hitting 6 fours in a total of 27. Scores:—

C.R.C. 2ND XI.	
Sun Kwok Leung, b Sandford	4
Hung Ho Chiu, run out	3
Lo Man Pan, b Bacon	16
Wong Po Keung, b Sandford	4
Lee Ying Chiu, c Fincher, b Taylor	27
Wan Lu Shing, b Taylor	4
Cheung Wing Kai, c and b Taylor	4
Lai Kuen, b Sandford	0
Cheung Tao Wing, c and b Bacon	0
Li Man Kwong, not out	0
Wu Pak Fuk, c Taylor, b Bacon	0
Extras	6
Total	70

Bowling Analysis.	
Taylor	0 0 28
Sandford	4 1 18
Bacon	4 2 9
Duncan	3 0 0

CIVIL SERVICE 2ND XI.

J. Taylor, c Sun, b Lai Kuen	0
H. Sandford, c Li Man Kwong, b Lai Kuen	16
Lai Kuen	8
F. Bacon, b Lai Kuen	34
E. Fincher, b Wan Lu Shing	1
R. Duncan, c Wu Pak Fook, b Hung	4
G. Roylance, b Wan Lu Shing	24
G. Haskett, b Lo Man Pan	0
S. Hamer, b Wan Lu Shing	6
W. Hill not out	2
Extras	2
Total	116

Bowling Analysis.	
Lai Kuen	6 0 31
Sun Kwok Leung	4 0 17
Wong Po Keung	4 1 12
Hung Ho Chiu	3 1 0
Lo Man Pan	1 0 0
Wan Lu Shing	5 0 29

C.C.C. v. K.C.C.

Played on the home ground, the Craigengower met the Kowloon Club on Saturday. The scores are as follows:—

CRAIGENGOWER.	
L. E. Lammert, b Evans	20
C. Kennedy, b Evans	8
U. Omar, c Robertson, b Pestonji	27
F. Thompson, c and b Pestonji	16
C. Heath, b Overy	18
W. Hall, b Braga	0
M. Abbas, b Evans	13
S. Jex, c J. V. Braga, b Evans	9
A. Goldenberg, b Evans	4
C. H. Lyons, not out	5
F. McCormack, not out	0
Extras	15
Total (for 9 wickets, dec.)	135

Bowling Analysis.	
Overy	9 0 44
Evans	14 1 43
Pestonji	10 3 17
J. V. Braga	5 0 16

K.C.C.	
D. M. Goodall, h.o.w., b Abbas	18
P. W. Wilkie, c Omar, b Kennedy	7
J. V. Braga, run out	4
E. L. Braga, c Omar, b Lammert	4
C. I. Stapleton, not out	13
B. D. Evans, c Hall, b Lammert	10
A. de Souza, b.w., Omar	0
R. Pestonji, not out	11
Extras	14
Total (for 6 wickets)	81

Bowling Analysis.	
Omar	13 2 22
C. Kennedy	5 0 18
L. E. Lammert	7 0 27

FOOTBALL.

H.K.F.C. I. S.C.A. O.

A very large crowd witnessed the match between the H.K. Club and South China Athletic on the former's ground on Saturday. Black of the Club, was thought of by many as having retired from play, but he reappeared for this occasion. The start of the match was exciting. The Club forwards heading towards their opponent's side with the ball, were stopped by Leung, the left back. When the ball touched the ground, Ko Kin Fan and Ralton were together going for it, but Ko with his tricks kept the ball from him and passed. Stalker passed to McTavish, who after dribbling it passed to Reichelmann. The interval came without any score by either side. Immediately after the re-play, the Club scored their first goal, a rather lucky one. After this the Chinese were up with their play, and Au Kit Sang, who was trying all the time to equal the score was unfortunate on many occasions. Stalker being his chief opponent, McTavish leading with the ball without being disturbed, shot at the goal, but Lau saved the shot. Rodger, the Club's goalie, had an easy time. The result was in favour of the Club by the one goal mentioned.

Bowling Analysis.	
Syme Thompson	3 1 9
Piercy	2 3 1

R.G.A. 5: POLICE, 3.

The match between the R.G.A. and Police on the Military ground provided a fairly even game. As was stated last week, the Police have excellent material, but lack practice, with the consequence that the forward line is deficient in combination. The back line, however, is extremely good, Clark and McWalter playing an exceptionally fine game. Another need of the Police is an experienced goalkeeper. The combination amongst the R.G.A. forwards was very marked. Green, the centre-forward, was always in his place at the right time. He had two good henchmen in Talfourd and Street. The Defence was not so strong as the attack.

The first fifteen minutes of play was extremely interesting. A good forward movement by the Police enabled Gerrard, the centre-forward, to rush the ball into goal. After a few minutes' desultory play, the R.G.A. forwards equalised with a hot shot sent in by Green, which completely beat the opposing custodian. In the second half both sides made determined efforts to score. A smart piece of dribbling by Street, of the R.G.A., resulted in him securing a goal. The Police soon drew level. Joe Clark and Grimmer taking the ball down the field between them and then Grimmer beating the Army custodian with a shot from a difficult angle. A few minutes later Kelly added a third goal for the Police, after which, as it was impossible to maintain the pace, the Police forwards adopted defensive tactics. Thenceforward the ball was constantly in the Police territory, and the R.G.A. placed three more goals to their credit. The goals for the R.G.A. were shot by Green (3), Talfourd (1) and Street (1); and for the Police by Gerrard (1), Kelly (1) and Grimmer (1).

ROYAL NAVY, 7: ST. JOSEPH'S COLLEGE, 0.

St. Joseph's College team, playing their first match in senior football, met a heavier and better team than they expected and were defeated by the big margin of seven goals to nil. The Navy only drew on the "Hawkins" for a right half, and an inside right forward, the remainder of the team being identical with that which defeated the Chinese on the previous Saturday. The bustling methods adopted by the sailors told with disadvantage on the lighter men of the College.

In the first half, Graydon, the centre-forward, obtained two goals in irresistible style. A penalty-kick against the College was taken by Staines, who found no difficulty in notching the third goal. Graydon netted the fourth goal a little before the whistle went. In the second half, a magnificent individual effort by Stone, who brought the ball up the field by himself, gave the sailors their fifth goal. Stone hurt his ankle in shooting this goal and was obliged to retire. The last stages of the game were played in semi-darkness. Niles and Graydon each added another point to the Navy's score.

The sailors speak in high terms of the plucky play by the College, whose forwards worked extremely hard and deserved at least a couple of goals. Crocker saved numerous shots, while Amy played very soundly at back, extricating his side from many an ugly situation. The half-back line was distinctly strengthened by the inclusion of Edwards from the "Hawkins". The forward-line combined well; Graydon's play making him the most prominent man on the field. On the whole, the sailors were lucky in getting as many as seven goals, the College goal-keeper, Sousa, being out of form.

DIVISION II.

ST. JOSEPH'S COLLEGE (R.), 3: UNITED F.C., 0.

The United F. C. have no reason to be ashamed of their showing against St. Joseph's Reserves, whose team included J. Silva, R. M. Omar and S. A. M. Sopher of the first eleven.

St. Joseph's were pressing most of the time, but the plucky play of Simmons and Mason, at back, and of Blake, in half-line, prevented the College forwards doing much damage. Many shots were taken at goal, but McLeod, the new United goal-keeper, proved well able to cope with them. After trying hard, the College scored one goal in the first half, the ball being netted by O. Ismail, whose play, in contrast to that of the rest of the team, appeared to be unnecessarily vigorous. The United forwards were unable to penetrate the sturdy defence of Sopher and J. Silva.

In the second half, the United defence was kept very busy and Blake and Simmons were frequently applauded for cleverly robbing their opponents. Urquhart and Moosdeen added two goals to the College score. The United forwards must learn to combine better. Miller was hard working, but Mason was too much hurried to be of any use. For the winners, Moosdeen, the Japanese forward, and Sopher played exceedingly well.

SOUTH CHINA "B," 4: SOUTH CHINA "A," 1.

A very scrappy game was played between these teams on the Club ground on Saturday afternoon. The

MURDERED OFFICER.

CRIMINALS EXECUTED.

Reuter's Agency has received some interesting details regarding the present situation of the Murmansk Expeditionary Force from a British officer who has recently returned home from North Russia for demobilisation. The troops are now in excellent spirits, and the splendid summer weather, which is so much appreciated after the dreary Arctic winter, combined with the general activity consequent upon the recent military operations against the Bolsheviks, has had a very encouraging effect upon the moral of the whole force. The East Yorkshire battalions, which were sent out last autumn, have been relieved by battalions of the Middlesex and the King's Royal Rifle Corps, and the Marine battalion, which did such fine service in the earlier days of the expedition, has been replaced by another battalion of the same corps sent out from home.

All the original members of the Syren force have now left, with the exception of a certain number of men who volunteered to stay on. The Serbian and Polish troops were all repatriated some time ago, while the Italian contingent was on the eve of departure when Reuter's informant sailed. A new French infantry battalion arrived recently.

The summary vengeance exacted by the British authorities upon the murderers of a British officer, whose body was found shot and frozen stiff in a ditch in Murmansk last Christmas Day, had an excellent effect upon the lawless elements of the polyglot civilian population. After lengthy inquiries by the British and Russian intelligence agents, the suspected men, three in number, were tracked to a certain wooden barrack, near the railway terminus. A surprise search of the building was made, and a thorough examination revealed, skilfully hidden behind a concealed partition, which had to be torn down, a small revolver and some cartridges, the calibre of which corresponded to the bullet which was extracted from the dead officer.

The three men were immediately arrested, and all confessed their guilt. The court-martial held upon them declared them guilty, and condemned them to be shot. The actual execution, which took place on a bare hill above the barracks shortly after dawn on a bleak January morning, was carried out by a joint British and Russian firing party by the light of electric torches. Three volleys were fired, and the bodies were subsequently buried in graves which had to be blasted out of the frozen ground by a detachment of sappers.

LAWN BOWLS.

On Saturday afternoon, the Tai Koo Bowling Club held an "At Home" to mark the closing of the season. The Tai Koo men being the champions of the Bowls League for the sixth year in succession, had a game with the "Rest of the League," and won by 25 shots. There was a good attendance of members and their friends to witness this match. At the conclusion, Mr. D. Cooper, a former President of Hong Kong Lawn Bowls Association handed the League shield, presented by Mr. Ross Thomson to Mr. Eldridge, the Chairman of the Club. Silver spoons presented by the winners of other matches played during the afternoon.

The following were the results of the matches:—

TAIKOO.	
Eldridge	Lamble
Grimeshaw	Watt
Wallace	Duncan
Wotherspoon	Stanley
(skip) 24	(skip) 16
Russell	Blake
Grott	McLeod
Morrison	Lapsley
Hamilton (skip) 33	Gibson (skip) 14
Muirhead	Hedley
Sloan	Amery
MacLachlan	Smyth
Ferguson (skip) 24	Cooper (skip) 16
Total	81

BAG SNATCHER GETS IT.

SERVE HIM RIGHT.

A youth, who had a previous conviction of larceny, was charged before Mr. Lindell with snatching a hand-bag from Miss Violet Spink of the Astor House Hotel, outside the City Hall on Saturday.

Inspector Chubb said the lady was passing the City Hall when defendant went up from behind and snatched the bag. An alarm was raised, and a sailor who was in the vicinity helped in the chasing of the defendant who was arrested by a lunk.

His Worship passed sentence of 12 months' hard labour, 12 strokes, and the stocks.

COTTON TRADE CONFERENCE.

MEETING IN PARIS.

An important meeting of the International Federation of Cotton Spinners and Manufacturers was held at Paris on Sept. 8. The following delegates were present: Belgium, M. Jean de Hemptinghe, Mr. Felix Desmaer, Great Britain, Mr. A. Ashworth, Lieut.-Colonel Brown, Hott, Howard Jackson, Emery, John Smethurst, Stansfeld, Walker, John Bogson, Amo S. Pearce, France, M. Rene Lederich, Paul Schlumberger, Waddington, A. Mabare, C. Meunier, Holland, M. Jean Geldermann, Italy, Commandeur G. Mylino, Japan, Mr. Teshio Maehi, Portugal, Senor Taveira, Switzerland, M. John Syz, Jean Meller, Spain, Senor Santiago Trias, M. John Syz (Switzerland), the vice-president of the committee of the federation, was in the chair. In the course of his presidential address he recalled the many changes which had taken place among the members of the committee during the war, some having died and others having retired owing to reasons of age. In the reconstitution of the committee, Sir Herbert Dixon, the representative of the English spinners, was appointed president of the committee. Mr. John Syz (Switzerland) will continue to perform the functions of vice-president. In consequence of the appointment of Sir Herbert Dixon as president, the English spinners had the right to an additional representative, and Mr. John Smethurst was appointed by the English federation as a member of the committee. M. de Hemptinghe (Belgium) and Signor J. Mylino (Italy) were appointed hon. treasurers of the federation. It was decided to continue to collect and distribute international statistics relative to cotton and its consumption. In view of the world conference, which is to take place in New Orleans in October, the International Federation decided to be officially represented, and Sir Herbert Dixon, the president, Signor Mylino, treasurer, and Mr. Pearce, secretary, were designated to take part in the conference.

Interesting reports were communicated by representatives of the different countries relative to the effects brought about by the new hours of work on the position of the cotton industry.

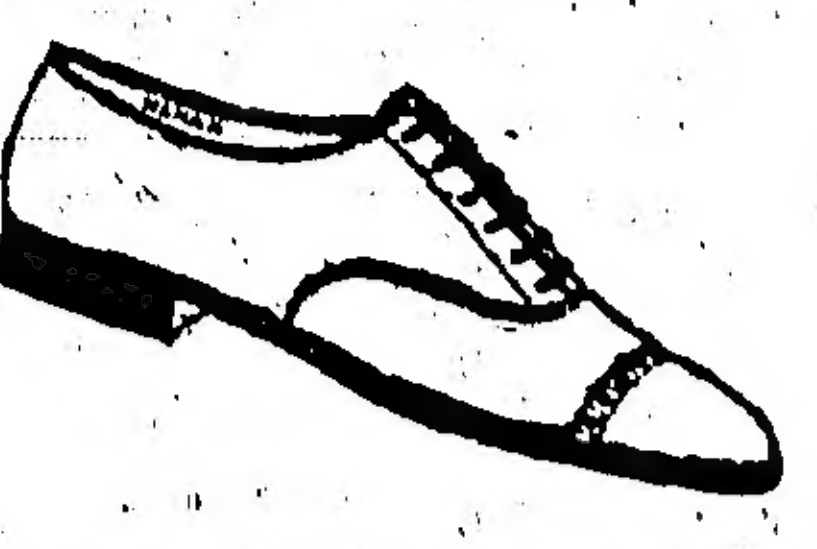
The important question of the cultivation of cotton was examined. Mr. Howard Jackson, member of the executive committee of the British Cotton Growers' Association, gave valuable accounts of the activity of that body. M. Meunier, in the name of the Association of Cotton Producers (France), and Senor Santiago Trias, in the name of the Spanish cotton producers, also reported on the fruitful results of efforts made in their respective countries. A resolution on the necessity for the extension of cotton growing regions was adopted. The international committee also adopted the essential recommendations contained in the recently-published report of the Indian Cotton Commission appointed by the British and Indian Governments.

The secretary was instructed to take immediate measures for distributing to affiliated organisations a report on Indian cotton, the report being a resume of investigations carried out in India before the war on the question of the cultivation of cotton.

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WHITE STAR LINE.

HALF A CENTURY'S RECORD.

The White Star Line celebrated on Sept. 8 its fiftieth anniversary, the Oceanic Steam Navigation Company, Ltd., to give its official title—having been registered on Sept. 8, 1869. When the late Mr. Thomas Henry Ismay, in the year named, induced some friends to support him in the formation of the Oceanic Steam Navigation Company, the original capital was £750,000, in shares of £1,000 each. In the following year he was joined in partnership by the late Mr. William Imrie, formerly of Imrie, Tomlinson, and Co., in whose office he and Mr. Imrie had been fellow-apprentices; and Ismay, Imrie, and Co. became managers of the White Star Line, continuing to act in that capacity until 1918. The company established services between various ports of the world. So far as the Atlantic service is concerned, it may be recalled that the "Oceanic"—renamed after the pioneer ship of the line—was placed in commission in September, 1869. Her gross register was 17,974 tons, and she was the first steamer to exceed the Great Eastern in length. Quickly attaining popularity as one of the monarchs of the ocean, the great liner enjoyed a prolonged and successful career in the passenger trade to New York, and on the outbreak of war was employed as an armed cruiser for some months before being lost in Government service. Steamer after steamer of increasing tonnage was then added to the fleet—the "Celtic" and "Cedric," each of 21,000 tons, the "Baltic," of 24,000 tons, and the "Adriatic," 25,000 tons, all being engaged in the New York trade, the premier service of the company.

In 1902 the White Star Line was affiliated with other leading steamship companies in the North Atlantic trade, viz., British and North Atlantic Steam Navigation Company, Ltd., International Navigation Company, Ltd., Atlantic Transport Company, Ltd., Societe Anonyme de Navigation Belge-Américaine (Red Star Line), and Frederick Leyland and Co., Ltd., in forming the International Mercantile Marine Company. Later landmarks in the history of the company were the putting on to the water of the renowned "Olympic," of 46,559 tons gross register. Then came the "Britannic," which was not permitted to justify the hopes of proving a valuable adjunct to the fleet. After much meritorious work as a hospital ship in the world war, and without having made a voyage across the Atlantic in the peaceful role for which she was constructed, the "Britannic"—notwithstanding the errand of mercy under the Red Cross

RAW OPIUM.

A Chinese was charged before Mr. Lindell this morning with the unlawful possession of 83 tins of raw opium—on board—the "Kung Hong." A constable said he was on search duty on the Kung Hong wharf when he searched the defendant's bag which was unlocked, and discovered the opium at the bottom of the bag. Defendant said he was instructed by a fellow countryman to take charge of the bag. He did not know what was contained inside. His Worship fined him \$800 or three months.

—was sunk by enemy action in the Aegean Sea on Nov. 21, 1918. The company's war losses were heavy, testifying to the world-wide operations performed staunchly under the most dangerous circumstances; and if the "Olympic's" deeds attracted more special notice by their brilliance, the services rendered by other vessels of the fleet were also praised, seawater, upheld the honour of the house flag and of that greater flag which is cherished by all.

DOCKYARD RECREATION
CLUB RIFLE SECTION.

A large gathering of members and friends assembled at the Tai Hang Range on Saturday last for the official opening.

Miss Shirley Gurner fired the opening shot, scoring a good bull at 200 yards, which the marker signalled just a trifle high.

Mr. Kennett, Chairman of the Club, presented Miss Shirley Gurner with a case of spoons as a memento of the occasion, and congratulated her on her excellent shooting. Commodore Gurner, B.N., briefly thanked the members on behalf of his daughter and expressed his hope for a successful season, regretting that owing to a previous engagement he was unable to stay for the whole of the afternoon. The Commodore and Miss Gurner were heartily cheered on leaving the range.

A handicap competition between teams representing East, West and South of England followed. Two cup presented by Mr. Arthur L. Anderson to be won outright by the highest score of the day. This competition proved very interesting, owing to a nomination draw being run in connection with it. The result of the competition proved that the South had the strongest team, the scores being South 683, West 597, and East 506. Mr. Longyear winning the cup with a score of 65, nomination No. 12, the other principal scores being as follows:

Mr. Brown, 80, nom. to No. 58.
Mr. Brock, 87, nom. to No. 81.
Mr. Nicholson, 87, nom. to No. 371.
Mr. Lockhart, 86, nom. to No. 378.
Mr. Drew, 86, nom. to No. 180.

Engr. Comdr. Samson, R.N., and Mrs. Samson followed the competition with very keen interest and at the conclusion Mrs. Samson very graciously presented the cup and other prizes. Mr. Anderson, on behalf of the R.N.C., asked Mr. Samson to accept as a memento of the occasion a silver flower vase. Engr. Comdr. Samson, R.N., briefly replied on behalf of Mrs. Samson, thanking the members and saying how much pleasure they had derived from the invitation to be present, and hoped for the success of the section during the year. The Hon. Secretary called for three cheers for Mr. Anderson, who had presented the cup which had contributed so much to the success of the opening day. The members responded with three "hurrahs" and a "tiger".

Mr. Anderson after complimenting the ladies on the successful arrangements for the day, how much pleasure he had received and hoped that the Club would be successful in holding the Bellflower Shield in the coming season.

The duties of Range Officer and Registrar were ably carried out by Messrs. Elton and Harrison respectively. A. Pritchard, hon. sec.

£7,000,000 FROM
CANTEENS.

DISTRIBUTION SCHEME.

General Sir Julian Byng and the committee of the United Services Fund have decided upon the method of distributing part of the £7,000,000 profits from the Expeditionary Force canteens which are to be used for the benefit of ex-Service officers and men. The secretary of the fund stated that it had been decided to make allocations as follows:

£250,000 towards help for disabled officers and men.
£250,000 for widows and dependents.

£250,000 set aside for general welfare work among ex-Service men in Greater London.

With regard to the last-named quarter of a million, it is stated that it will be used for such things as the provision of clubs, and is of the nature of an experiment. If this is found to operate successfully in Greater London, the committee propose to make grants for similar purposes in other towns in the United Kingdom. Strong sub-committees have been appointed to administer the grants. It is proposed to work through existing organisations, but careful measures are being taken to avoid waste and overlapping, and to ensure that the money shall reach those men whom it is intended to benefit.

Sir Julian Byng and the committee are anxious that ex-Service men shall themselves co-operate in the administration of the grants, and for this purpose it is made a condition of grants that organisations to which money is given shall in their committees consist of at least 25 per cent. of ex-Service men, not officers. No grants will be made to any organisation that is doing work already being done by Government departments, under Acts of Parliament. Organisations which have any political objects will receive nothing, grants will be made only to areas in which it is made perfectly clear that the money will be used for the benefit of all ex-Service officers and other men in the area, and nothing will be given to any organisation the work of which tends to overshadow that of others already recognised by the fund.

SATURDAY'S GYMKHANA.

A SUCCESSFUL MEETING.

When the newspaper history of the 1919 Gymkhana Season comes to be written, last Saturday's meeting will stand out as one of the most successful chapters. The weather was ideal, the course in excellent condition and the attendance good; consequently the cash sweep dividends were large, totalling over four figures.

An outstanding feature was the musical part of the programme; an essential factor to the success of Gymkhanas and like functions. The band of H.M.S. "Hawkins" supplied a long list of songs and an appropriate programme was excellently rendered. There were some exciting finishes and prospective cash sweep dividends, in many cases, changed hands during the last quarter. An outstanding race was the Gymkhana Stakes won by Mr. Ross's "Pink Eye," ridden by Mr. Sutton. With regard to the riders Messrs Sutton, Reid, Soares and Doyle showed good form.

The Larsen Griffin's race did not disclose the anticipated fliers. The officials were—
Officials—Patrons:—H.E. Sir R. E. Stubbs, K.C.M.G., H.E. Vice-Admiral Sir A. L. Duff, K.C.B., H.E. Major-General P. Ventris, C.B., the Hon. Mr. Claud Severn, C.M.G., and Commodore V. G. Gurner, R.N. Committee: The Stewards of the Hongkong Jockey Club (ex-officio), the Hon. Mr. John Johnstone, Mr. G. C. Moxon, Mr. D. M. Ross, Mr. J. H. Congdon, Major L. Cassel, Mr. C. L. Sandes, Hon. Treasurer, Mr. W. J. Morrison, Hon. Secretary, Mr. H. B. L. Dowbiggin, Judge, Commodore V. G. Gurner, R.N. Handicapper, Mr. D. M. Ross. In Charge of the Scale, Messrs. C. L. Sandes and H. W. Dick. 1st Starter, Mr. P. M. Hodgson. 2nd Starter, Mr. J. H. Congdon. Paddock, Messrs. G. C. Moxon and R. P. Thurstfield. Timekeeper, Mr. M. S. Sassoon.

Following are the results:

THE RESULTS.

FIVE FURLONGS RACE—Handicap.

Mr. Goahead's (late Scotchbox Nativeland), 165 lbs. (Mr. Sutton) 1
Mr. Goahead's Snuffbox, 143 lbs. (Mr. Doyle) 2
Mr. H. B. L. Dowbiggin's Dalesman, 149 lbs. (Mr. Reid) 3
Mr. H. W. Lucas's Kirkdale (late winter light), 155 lbs. (Mr. Morrison) 0
Mr. de Sousa's Leader (late Avon Dahlia), 152 lbs. (Mr. Soares) 0
Mr. Soares's Lovejoy (late American Chief), 150 lbs. (Mr. Soares) 0
Mr. Gilpin's White Fang, 145 lbs. (Mr. Grimstone) 0

With a field of seven all got away well. White Fang led most of the way round, with Scotchbox helping to make the running and the other five all together. On entering the straight, White Fang fell behind and Snuffbox and Dalesman drew out of the bunch. A very hard race ensued, and Scotchbox, who was favourite, just managed to get his head in front at the post. There was only a head, also, between second and third.

Time: 1min., 21 3/5secs.

Parimutuel. Cash Sweep.
Winner: \$9.80 Ticket No. 1, 5.70 121, \$649.60
2, 5.50 142, 185.60
3, 5.50 130, 92.80

GYMKHANA STAKES.—One mile.

Mr. D. M. Ross's Pink Eye, 149 lbs. (Mr. Sutton) 1
Mr. John Peel's Red Ensign, 156 lbs. (Mr. Reid) 2
Mr. Thomas's Bend Or, 146 lbs. (Mr. Doyle) 3
Mr. Horsfield's Malcolm, 159 lbs. (Mr. Morrison) 0

There were four entries, but really only two in the race, as Malcolm was left at the post and though Bend Or made the leading until climbing the hill after that there were only Pink Eye and Red Ensign in the picture. Pink Eye went in front at the Black Rock and increased his lead going round the bend, but in the straight Red Ensign again challenged him. It was a ding-dong struggle to the judge's box, Pink Eye just managing to win. Sutton was loudly cheered for his riding.

Time: 2mins., 7 4/5secs.

Parimutuel. Cash Sweep.
Winner: \$9.80 Ticket No. 1, 5.30 265, \$1,127
2, 5.30 41, 332
3, 5.30 126, 161

Unplaced Starter.—No. 187, \$10.

CLASS HANDICAP: "A" CLASS.—

Three-quarter mile.

Mr. John Peel's Burning Daylight, 149 lbs. (Mr. Reid) 1
Mr. T. W. Doyle's Rochester (late Seyhoon), 158 lbs. (Mr. Doyle) 2
Mr. Goahead's Smokebox, 157 lbs. (Mr. Sutton) 3
Mr. Horsford's Maybe, 145 lbs. (Mr. Morrison) 0

Burning Daylight led at the start, until Rochester passed him going up to the Rock. From this point there were only two ponies in the race, Reid nursed his mount skilfully, taking the lead coming round the village bend and keeping it comfortably all the way up the straight. Won by a length and a half, with the third a long way behind.

Time: 1min., 36secs.

Parimutuel. Cash Sweep.
Winner: \$9.80 Ticket No. 1, 6.10 321, \$1,224.30
2, 6.30 19, 349.80
3, 6.30 212, 74.90

Unplaced Starter.—No. 192, \$10.

FARMERS' GIFT TO
SERBIA.

The fortieth gift of stock by British farmers to devastated war areas is being loaded at Cardiff on the steamer "Theseus," for Serbia, via Fiume. It comprises 600 head of pedigree short-horn cattle, 30 short-horn bulls, 2,000 prize chickens. Restocking work is organised by the Relief of Allies Committee of the Royal Agricultural Society. This is the first gift to Serbia, the other consignments having been distributed in France, Belgium, and Poland. The "Theseus" is also taking a second gift from the King to the committee of five shearing lambs, and is landing coal for the Flume-Belgrade Railway.

DISTANCE HANDICAP.—About half a mile.

Mr. Soares's Excelsior 35 lbs. (Mr. Soares) 1
Mr. Adams's Rheostat, 40 lbs. (Mr. Doyle) 2
Mr. Gilpin's White Fang, 30 lbs. (Mr. Grimstone) 3
Mr. J. H. Congdon's Tonic Scraper, 30 lbs. (Mr. Sutton) 0
Mr. H. W. Lucas's Kirkdale (late Winter Light), 5 lbs. (Mr. Morrison) 0
Mr. de Sousa's Leader (late Avon Dahlia), 15 lbs. (Mr. Soares) 0
This was a mere scramble half-way round. Soares rode very well. Won by a length and a half; a length separating the second and third.

No time was taken.

Parimutuel. Cash Sweep.

Winner: \$11.40 Ticket No. 1, 6.20 94, \$1,554
2, 6.70 323, 444
3, 10.50 28, 222

Unplaced starters.—Nos. 319, 137, 91, \$10 each.

CLASS HANDICAP: "B" CLASS.—

Three-quarter mile.

Mr. Soares's Lovejoy (late American Chief), 150 lbs. (Mr. Soares) 1
Mr. John Peel's Ringwood, 145 lbs. (Mr. Reid) 2
Mr. Goahead's Snuffbox, 145 lbs. (Mr. Doyle) 3
Mr. H. B. L. Dowbiggin's Dalesman, 149 lbs. (Mr. Sutton) 0
Mr. H. B. L. Dowbiggin's Morning Star, 149 lbs. (Mr. Sutton) 0

After a false start the field got well away, with Ringwood leading and Lovejoy bringing up the rear. Up the slope all the other ponies were bunched behind Ringwood, and round the village he increased his lead. The race seemed certain for Ringwood, who was a strong favourite, but Soares got his mount out of the bunch, and coming up the straight at a great pace, won the most exciting race of the meeting by a very short head. It was quite a sensational finish, and the parimutuel paid \$141 for the winner.

Time: 1min., 38 2/5secs.

Parimutuel. Cash Sweep.

Winner: \$141.30 Ticket No. 1, 18.10 31, \$1,507.10
2, 7.50 293, 430.60
3, 287, 215.30

Unplaced starters.—Nos. 348 and 221, \$10 each.

ONE-AND-A-QUARTER MILE HANDICAP.

Mr. T. W. Doyle's Rochester (late Seyhoon), 156 lbs. (Mr. Doyle) 1
Mr. Goahead's Scotchbox (late Nativeland), 157 lbs. (Mr. Sutton) 2
Mr. Horsford's Malcolm, 148 lbs. (Mr. Morrison) 3

Mr. G. W. Gegg's Gentle Cat (late Catford), 156 lbs. (Mr. Reid) 0
Mr. John Peel's Alexander, 148 lbs. (Mr. Grimstone) 0
Alexander got away best, and the order past the judge's box, first time round was Alexander, Gentle Cat, Scotchbox, Rochester, and Malcolm. This order was maintained to the football club bend, when Scotchbox ran into second place. By the time the Rock was reached Malcolm was leading, but, after passing the village, was displaced by Rochester on coming into the straight. Rochester went all out, and romped home an easy first by three lengths. It was a close race for 2nd place, Scotchbox just getting his head in front at the post.

Time: 2mins., 47 4/5secs.

Parimutuel. Cash Sweep.

Winner: \$23.80 Ticket No. 1, 13.40 361, \$1,607.90
2, 10.70 132, 459.40
3, 49, 229.70

Unplaced starters.—Nos. 127 and 84, \$10 each.

HALF-MILE RACE FOR LARSEN SUBSCRIPTION GRIFPINS.

Mr. G. and G's. The Cornet.

Messrs. Dowbiggin & Sandes's Yeoman, (Chow See) 1
Mr. John Johnstone's Unnamed, (Ah Young) 2
Mr. Billiard's Cue, (Chong Sang) 3
Mr. Goahead's Paddlebox, (Lai Fook) 0

Messrs. Thomas & Ross's Gordie Mac (Ah To) 0

Mr. G. C. Moxon's Ruination, (Ah Tai) 0

Mr. Dash's Jazzzy, (Ah Fo) 0

Mr. All-Sure's Rab, (Po Kwai) 0

With a field of nine it looked as if they were not going to get away, but eventually all got off to a good start. The Cornet was the favourite and won comfortably.

Parimutuel. Cash Sweep.

Winner: \$11.00 Ticket No. 1, 6.50 53, \$1,684.20
2, 11.10 175, 481.20
3, 10.20 89, 240.60

Unplaced starters.—No. 213, 84, 247, 542, 538, and 174, \$10 each.

BOXING.

CHAMPIONSHIP PROBLEM.

(By B. Bettinson.)

All the chances are that Jack Dempsey, the world's heavy-weight champion boxer, will visit London in the near future, for London, as in 1914, is the El Dorado of the pugilist. But that he will come here to fight Carpentier at the National Sporting Club for a purse of £3,500, as was stated recently, must not be believed. Were it likely that he would do so, then we, who know boxing, would say of Dempsey that he is the most extraordinary champion that ever was. Dempsey will come here because we are prepared to offer and do, in fact, put up purses that are positively bulging, and to the layman, at least, incredibly heavy. When Dempsey fights again he will ask, for, and insist upon receiving, a fabulous sum of money. It is a fact that already there has been offered a purse of £25,000 for him to come here, and it would be strange if he were not contemplating a visit to London: it is not probable that such a handsome prize would be dangled before him in America, for the simple reason that an opponent with a personality could not be found for him in the States. He draws the "colour line," and Harry Wells, a gigantic negro, with a record most imposing, is therefore barred; and though this man of colour might and indeed appears to be a second edition of Jack Johnson and Sam Langford, he is for the purposes of the heavy-weight championship shut out. Which circumstance, after Reno, where Johnson beat a poor imitation of the real Jim Jeffries, and then became invulnerable, is understandable. I believe that glove-fighting between whites and blacks is not desirable. At all events, this Wells has discovered that the work of a longshoreman is better and presumably more profitable than tilting at Dempsey.

Among the white pugilists is Fred Fulton, whose manager, Tom O'Rourke, wrote to me to the effect that his man is ready and prepared to meet Beckett, Carpentier, or anybody in the game. But Dempsey has already beaten Fulton, and obviously, from every point of view, in the matter of prestige and commercially, the proposition that must appeal to him, as it does to the general public, is a match with either Beckett or Carpentier. Beckett has proved beyond doubt that he is a real and genuine fighter; the best we have had for years so far as heavyweights are concerned. He has not the engaging ways of Bombardier Wells; he has not set up a discussion whether he has a "weak spot"; around him and about him there is no juggling with words about his "temperament," as with Wells. Beckett looks a fighter and is a fighter, as hard as nails, young, strong, confident, a man who fits in more surely with the popular conception of a fighter than any we have seen in the ring for years. The best in all-Britain is Beckett, but he, a wise and workmanlike person, together with those of his camp, know that Carpentier has every right to claim to be the champion heavyweight of Europe. And Beckett, though he has included a fight with Dempsey among the certainties of his career, has very properly set his heart on meeting Carpentier before seeking a match with the holder of the world's championship. For then, were he to beat the Frenchman, he could go forth as the best in all Europe, and as such Dempsey would, even though he himself were not disposed to do battle, be forced into a match by weight of public opinion.

NATIONAL SPORTING CLUB'S PART.

Dempsey knows this: Either Carpentier or Beckett must be his next serious opponent, and since there is enormous money on offer here for such a contest, it would be strange if he had not already thought of and even decided to come to England. Mr. C. B. Cochran has stated that which I know to be a fact. He holds Carpentier in a contract to box Beckett any time after November 1, and Beckett, for his part, is very much like Barba—he is willing, and has always done so, a passage of arms with Carpentier. At the moment, Mr. Cochran cannot secure Olympia, which, so far as he is concerned, is the only possible building for such a match, and the only question, to my thinking, is, if he cannot stage it there before next spring, which appears to be the fact, whether there will be a change in the heavyweight situation. Neither Beckett nor Carpentier can wait indefinitely. Our champion is ready and fitted to take the ring at once: Carpentier, now in hard training, says in a letter to me that he can take the ring in two months' time. What will happen with regard to Olympia I do not know, but I am aware that the National Sporting Club, as is only proper for after all it is the home of boxing, intends to play its part in what may be termed strictly international contests. It is free to stage any event. During the past few months it has taken over the Holland Park Skating Rink, so that if a contest for a world's title is fought under its auspices the general public may go to it.

My friend, "Peggy" Bettinson, who is responsible for the affairs and the general conduct of the National Sporting Club, made known

WOMEN SPRINTERS.

FLEET-FOOTED TEAM OF "WREATHS."

That women can sprint with a fleetness calculated to put to shame the average male chaser of omnibuses was demonstrated at the inter-Service athletic championships at Stamford Bridge, S.W., recently.

The programme included a relay race for teams of "Wreaths," "Wrens," and "Wraifs." The four who ran for the Women's Royal Air Force—Misses Bulciet, M. Betts, Smith, and Wren—showed an astonishing turn of speed.

Fair-haired and dressed in white gymnasium costumes with black stockings, they might, as someone put it, have been selected "as much for their looks as for their pace," but it was their running that seized the imagination of the onlookers. Miss Bulciet went off with a burst that left her rivals of the "Wrens" and "Wraifs" hopelessly in the rear, and covering 110 yards each, they completed the quarter-mile in 55 1/5 seconds. At the finish, they met in an ecstasy to exchange kisses.

SPECIAL TRAINING AND DIET.

"We have won four of these races and never been beaten," said a member of the team. "But this is our fastest time so far. We've trained every day for a fortnight and been on a special diet. I think we're improving, but weren't we lucky?"

The "Wrens" in dark blue with white sleeves and sailor collars, finished second. They had just about the fastest sprinter of all in Miss McCulloch, who ran the last 110 yards for her side. She started 30 yards behind the last of the "Wraifs" and was beaten by only 8 yards.

"I could have sat down on the grass and cried when I saw what a lot of ground I had to make up, but I had a good try," said Miss McCulloch. She has won 100-yard races in 12 3/5 seconds.

The "Wraifs" appeared in red costumes and red bathing caps. They lack the speed of their rivals.

FREEMASONRY.

Lord Egerton's continued ill-health has necessitated his retirement from the high offices he has held in Freemasonry. Provincial Grand Master of Cheshire since 1900, Grand Superintendent of the Royal Arch since 1908, and Provincial Grand Master since 1893, in the two provincial masterships he is succeeded by Lieut-Colonel Hubert Cornwall Legh, his deputy in the two degrees.

Colonel Legh is a past S.G. Deacon in the Craft, P.G.S.N. in the Arch, and P.G. Overseer in the Mark, and it is expected his installations will take place in November. Colonel Legh served with his regiment (the Westminster Rifles) overseas, until his health caused him to return, prior to the armistice. He has made himself very popular in his province, and starts his rule with the best wishes of the whole body of Cheshire lodges, which number upwards of a hundred, spread over thirty-five towns.

Mark Grand Lodge held its quarterly meeting at Mark Masons' Hall, Great Queen-street. The deputy grand master, Mr. R. Loveland, Loveland, K.C., presided, supported by Lord Leverhulme, S.G.W., Mr. G. Owen Dunn, J.G.W., Lord Aldenham, Prov. Grand Master Kent, Mr. F. Cleaves (provincial grand master, West Yorkshire), and a large number of other grand officers. Warrants were granted to the nine new lodges, to meet respectively at Morpeth, Whalley, Southampt, Padstow, St. Budeaux, Minehead, Birmingham, Ahmednagar (Bombay), and Lagos (Nigeria).

The Duke of Connaught, Grand Master, has appointed Lieut-Colonel Miles John Stapylton to be provincial grand master of North and East Yorkshire, and Colonel Richard Heard, L.M.S., district grand master of the Punjab.

the fact, of which I have long been aware, that negotiations with Dempsey were proceeding, and that nothing could be done until the match between Beckett and Carpentier was decided. "Dempsey," says Mr. Bettinson, "has written to say that he is coming, and nothing can be done until he arrives, and even then it all depends on the result of Carpentier's match with Beckett." And Mr. Bettinson agrees with me that it would not be possible to get Dempsey for a purse of £3,500. Until Beckett and Carpentier have met—I regard a match between the two as a certainty—the position of the world's heavy-weight boxers will be the subject of not a little extravagant speculation and not a few misstatements of fact.

ENGLISH BOXER'S PROTEST.

Paris, Sept. 9.—This evening in the Salle Wagram a boxing match was fought between Louis Ponthieu, the Englishman, and Tom Nicholson. At the end of the sixth round the latter complained of a blow being too low. After the judges had consulted it was decided that the fight should continue as no one had witnessed an unfair blow. In the next round, however, the Englishman refused to continue, and Ponthieu was declared the winner.

MARKET PRODUCE IN HONGKONG.

APPROXIMATE RETAIL PRICES.

OCTOBER 31st 1919.

Butcher Meat.

Best Sirloin.—Meat Long Pa. lb. 22
Prime Cut. lb. 20
Corned.—Ham Ngau Yak. lb. 22
Roast.—Shin. lb. 20
Breast.—Ngau Nam. lb. 16
Soup.—Toong Yuk. lb. 16
Steak.—Ngau Yak Pa. lb. 20
Steak Sirloin.—Ngau Lee. lb. 28
Sausages.—Ngau Cheung. lb. 26
Bullcock's Brain.—Ngau No per lb. 10
Tongue, fresh.—Ngau Li each lb. 60
Tongue, corned.—Ham Ngau Li each 60 comb.

Poultry.

Chicken.—Kai Tai. lb. 22
Capons, Small.—Shu Kai. lb. 22
Capons, Large.—Shu Kai. lb. 30
Duck.—Ap. lb. 24
Dove.—Fan Kai. lb. 15
Eggs, Hen.—Kai Tai (cooking) per doz. 22
Eggs, Hen.—Kai Tai (fresh) per doz. 22
Fowls, Canton.—Kai. lb. 28
Fowls, Hainan.—Hoi Nam Kai. lb. 28
Geese.—Nga. lb. 24
Pigeons, Canton.—Pak Kap. each 30
Holloh.—Hoi Kai Pak Kap. each 22

Fruits.

Almonds.—Hang Yan. lb. 40
Apples, (California).—Kam Shan. lb. 28
Bananas, (Brazil).—Mama.—San. lb. 4
Carambola.—Young To. lb. 12
Coconuts.—Ye Te. lb. 12
Lemons, China.—Ling Mong. lb. 8
Lemons, (America).—Kam Shan. lb. 8
Lichees, Dried, (small stone).—Lai Chi Kon lb. 1.50
Oranges, (Canton).—Kwai. lb. 8
Shan-sheng Tim Chang lb. 8
Oranges, Tim Chang. lb. 12
Pears, (Canton), Cooking.—Shu Li. lb. 15
Peanuts.—Fa Shang. lb. 14
Peanutshells, Large.—Hong Tai. lb. 5
Plantain.—Tai Chin. lb. 3
Pineapple, Small.—Yim Lo Yan. each 14
Walnuts.—Hoi To. lb. 15
Grapes.—Fai Tai. lb. 30

Vegetables, &c.

Artichokes.—Ah Chi Cheuk. each 6
Beans, Sprouts.—Nga Tai. lb. 6
Long.—Tao Kok. lb. 10
Beet Root.—Hung Tai Tai. lb. 6 each
Bitter Squash.—Fa Kwai. lb. 6
Brinjals, Green.—Ching Yau Kwai. lb. 6
Rad.—Hong Kwai. lb. 6
Cabbage Chinese, (common).—Kai Tai. lb. 8
(Shanghai).—Ye Tai. lb. 14
Cauliflower, (large).—Kau Shan. lb. 6
Cauliflower, (small).—Ye Tai. lb. 6
Carrots.—Kau Shan. lb. 6
Celery Chinese.—Tong Kan Tai. lb. 12
Chilies, Dried.—Kon Lai Chin. lb. 15
Rad.—Hong Kwai. lb. 6
Green.—Ching Lai Chin. lb. 6
Chestnuts, English.—Kai Li Chi. lb. 10
Cucumbers.—Ching Kwai. lb. 6
Garlic.—Sun Tai. lb. 8
Ginger, young.—Sun Tai. lb. 8
Ginger, old.—Lo Kwong. lb. 8
Horseradish.—Shan-sheng.—Lai Kwai. lb. 18
Indian Corn.—Shan-sheng. lb. 6
Lettuce.—Tong Shing Tai. lb. 6
Water Chestnuts.—Ma Tai. lb. 6
Mushrooms.—Kwai. lb. 10
Mushrooms, Fresh.—Shan-sheng. lb. 6
Onions.—Shan-sheng.—Yung Ching Tai lb. 10
Onions, Green.—Shan-sheng. lb. 6
Onions, (small).—Chung Tai. lb. 6
Parsley.—Kai Tai. lb. 6
Potato, Sweet.—Yan Shu. lb. 3
Potato, (small).—Yan Shu Tai lb. 13
Pumpkin.—Tung Kwai. lb. 4
Rhubarb (fresh).—Tai Wung. lb. 8
Shallots.—Kong Ching Tai. lb. 8
Spinach.—Yin Tai. lb. 4
Soybeans.—Yan Kwai. lb. 4
Taro.—Wu Tai. lb. 7
Turnips, Round, (long).—Lo Kwai. lb. 4
Vegetable Marrow.—Tait Kwai. lb. 4
Water Cress.—Sei Yung Tai. lb. 8
Lily root.—Lai Ngau. lb. 4
Yams.—Tai Shu. lb. 4

Fish.

Saibai.—Ka Yai. lb. 24
Bream.—Pia Yu. lb. 20
Canton Fresh Water Fish.—Hoi Siu Yu. lb. 22
Carp.—Li Yu. lb. 24
Catfish.—Chik Yu. lb. 15
Oodfish.—Mun Yu. lb. 26
Crabs.—Hoi. lb. 30
Outside Fish.—Mun Yu. lb. 18
Dab.—Shu Mang Yu. lb. 19
Dace.—Wong Mai Lap. lb. 19
Dog Fish.—Tui To Shu. lb. 12
Koi Conger.—Hoi Man. lb. 22
Fresh water.—Tun Shu Yu. lb. 28
Yellow.—Wong Siu. lb. 28
Frog.—Tin Kai. lb. 36
Garoupa.—Shok Pao. lb. 45
Gudgeon.—Pak Kap Yu. lb. 18
Herring.—Tao Pak. lb. 20
Kaitun.—Cheung Kwai. lb. 22
Labrus.—Wong Fa Yu. lb. 22
Loach.—Wu Yu. lb. 25
Lobsters.—Lung Yu. lb. 40
Mackerel.—Oh Yu. lb. 20
Monk Fish.—Mong Yu. lb. 20
Mullet.—Tai Yu. lb. 20
Oyster.—Shang Ho. lb. 28
Parrish Fish.—Kai Kung Yu. lb. 18
Perch.—Tao Lo. lb. 24
Plaice.—Pia Yu. lb. 18
Pomfret.—Black.—Hoi Chong. lb. 30
Pomfret.—White.—Pak Chong. lb. 36
Prawn.—Ming Ha. lb. 45
Ray.—Pai Pa Ha. lb. 14
Rock Fish.—Shok Kai Kung. lb. 24
Roach.—Chun Yu. lb. 21
Salmon.—Ma Yu. lb. 45
Shark.—Shu Yu. lb. 45
Skate.—Po Yu. lb. 10
Snappers.—Lap Yu. lb. 32
Sole.—Tai Shu Yu. lb.

EARLIER TELEGRAMS.

(Reuter's Service to the China Mail.)

RUSSIAN AFFAIRS.

FALL OF PETROGRAD INEVITABLE.

Reval, October 29th.
An Estonian communiqué states that the Bolsheviks have been greatly reinforced from Archangel and from the Finnish frontier and are well-equipped and trained. The fight for Petrograd will probably be a long struggle. The Estonian Army will be thrown into the fight immediately. General Juhlén, Admiral Kolthak and General Denikin recognize the Estonian Republic.

The Daily Chronicle correspondent at Petrograd states that 100,000 Bolsheviks are massed between the "White" Russians and Petrograd.

Reval, October 29th.
The fall of Petrograd is now regarded as inevitable. The Bolsheviks are rising separately, a number of villages near Tserkoyevsk were occupied on October 28th.

The North-West Army's communiqué reports violent fighting. The situation is advantageous.

London, October 29th.
In the House of Commons, replying to Commander Kenworthy, Mr. Cecil Harmsworth stated that the Government was endeavouring to negotiate for the exchange of British taken prisoner by the Russian Soviet.

The Government hoped that a meeting with the representatives of the Soviet Government would shortly be held in Denmark. Twenty-three British officers, 17 men and 17 civilians are believed to have been taken prisoner.

He also stated that no answer had been received to the Supreme Council's Note to Germany and the neutrals requesting cooperation in the blockade of Soviet Russia.

Allied naval forces had been instructed to turn back ships sailing to Russian Baltic ports. Those messages did not constitute a blockade in the legal sense, and no communication other than that already published was made to the neutral Governments.

Replying to Col. Wedgwood, Mr. Harmsworth declared that the statement that 500,000 women and children were likely to die owing to the blockade was without foundation.

London, October 29th.
In the House of Commons, replying to a question, Mr. Harmsworth announced that the Soviet Government had been informed by wireless that M. Lenin, M. Trotsky and other persons would be held strictly and personally responsible for the treatment of British prisoners and other Britons in Russia.

The situation on the Petrograd front is still very uncertain. That the Bolsheviks are fighting very desperately and scoring some successes appear from Estonian communiqués dated October 27th reporting fierce fighting in the Gulf of Finland as a result of Bolshevik attacks in great force, also in the Pskov sector where there was violent artillery fighting.

A Jewish communiqué reports the repulse of a Bolshevik attack in the Tosna sector between Petrograd and Moscow, but admits that the Bolsheviks captured Bobolva in their advance against Tsarskoyevsk. General Juhlén declares that the situation is not clear, but the Bolsheviks are fighting furiously, concentrating picked troops from Moscow. He says that the tanks are very valuable, but the number is insufficient.

Reval, October 29th.
The "White" Russians evacuated Krasnoyarsk on October 27th in consequence of the Bolshevik capture of Bobolva.

HAVAS REVIEW.

PARIS, October 29th.

A Havas message says:—
The French Ministry of Finance will deliver a speech naming known the projects of the Government concerning the means and methods by which it is proposed to solve the nation's economic and financial problems.

Certain foreign papers have stated that the French Government have a sum of about 1000 francs. This information is not correct. Strangers can carry any sum they want, however considerable it is. The French Minister of Finance always gives the necessary authorisation after a delay of 24 hours.

The visit of President Poincaré to England has now been fixed for November 11th. M. Pichon, Minister for Foreign Affairs, will accompany the President of the Republic.

A Havas message says:—A fire broke out yesterday on board the steamer *Toku Maru* (3,000 tons) anchored at Marseilles. It is feared that the only way of extinguishing it will be by sinking.

Many Japanese cargoes are now in the port of Marseilles—principally copra and peanuts coming from American plantations in the Philippines.

Marshal Foch's report on German violations of the Armistice terms will be ready on Tuesday, and then the date for enforcing the Versailles Treaty will be set.

The delay in the formal declaration of peace is due to the hope that Japan and the United States will ratify the Treaty by the middle of November, permitting their Governments to participate in the first work of the Treaty Enforcement Commissions.

The "Journal Officiel" publishes a law providing that in every commune in France a ceremony shall be held in each year on November 1st or 2nd in memory of the soldiers who fell during the great war.

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Yesterday, in Dinan, the Belgian Army celebrated the anniversary of the Battle of the Yser in the presence of British, French and Military attachés. The Belgian War Minister, in a striking speech, praised the heroism of the British and French troops who stormed the German lines.

LORD BEATTY AND NAVAL ECONOMY.

LONDON, October 29th.

Admiral Beatty, speaking before the Leatherstocking Club, declared that the Navy must bear its share of economy, but the wisest economy was essential. It was recognised everywhere that we lived by sea and the future of the Empire depended upon the sea. For the security of the vast lines of communication linking the great Dominions and the Mother Country, the Navy was responsible. The Navy was our insurance which could not be overlooked. The Empire would fall to the ground if the Navy was wiped out.

COLONEL SHERWOOD KELLY COURT-MARTIALED.

LONDON, October 29th.

Lieut. Colonel Sherwood Kelly, who wrote certain letters to the *Times* criticising the British General Staff at Archangel, was court-martialled in London, today, on charges of contravening Army regulations by writing letters to the Press.

The letters alleged that British troops in North Russia were being used for a big offensive entailing needless loss and suffering. The prisoner pleaded guilty.

THE EGYPTIAN UNREST.

CAIRO, October 29th.

Demonstrations by students and others which have recently been a weekly feature in Alexandria culminated yesterday in serious rioting.

A crowd armed with sticks, stones and bottles attacked the native Police who attempted to check a demonstration and close the service in a mosque. The Police retaliated with batons.

The arrival of the Governor of Alexandria temporarily restored order, but a fresh outbreak resulted in many Police and rioters being injured.

Finally, two motor-lorries of troops appeared, and were assailed with a volley of missiles. A volley in the air failing to disperse the crowd, the troops fired, killing two and injuring 10.

Altogether, 27 Police were injured. Rioting was renewed this morning. Two officers who were chased by a crowd from the harbour took refuge in a pharmacy. A motor-lorry on the quayside was burnt.

THE PEACE TREATY.

LONDON, October 29th.

The *Times* contains an Order-in-Council prescribing the arrangements for carrying out sections of the Peace Treaty relating to debts, property rights, contracts and judgments between British subjects and ex-enemies.

The Order, which operates when the Peace Treaty comes into force, applies to the Overseas Dominions, except Canada, Australasia, South Africa, India and Newfoundland, but is subject to modifications by local Legislatures.

Under the order, a clearing-house will be established in the United Kingdom, with the possibility of branches in other parts of the Empire, to deal with claims. With some exceptions, it is not lawful for any person to pay or accept payment for an enemy debt except through this clearing-house, which will have power to enforce payment with interest.

BRUSSELS, October 29th.
The Government has forwarded to Paris 1,150 names of German civilians and soldiers charged with crimes during the invasion and occupation of Belgium.

THE PRINCE'S TOUR.

MONTREAL, October 29th.

A babel of church bells, motor-horns, and cheering welcomed the Prince of Wales to-day. The streets were very elaborately decorated.

After visiting Toronto and Ottawa, the Prince goes to Washington for three days, returning to Montreal on his visit to London. Possibly, he will also proceed to New York before returning to Halifax.

SERIOUS ALLEGATIONS REGARDING AIR SERVICE.

LONDON, October 29th.

Serious allegations have been published regarding the air route to Egypt. Colonel G. Henderson, ex-Wing-Commander, asserts that eleven pilots have been killed, and out of the three squadrons ordered from France to Egypt, only 20 per cent. arrived, owing to lack of organisation and the bad condition of the machines. He saw a chain of wrecks between Marseilles and Nice.

He demands the publication of statistics regarding the most dangerous part of the journey, namely, after Italy. It is officially stated that the Air Ministry last night refused a statement as to whether a Commission of enquiry into the disasters would be appointed.

In the House of Commons, replying to Mr. Joynton Hicks, as regards the recent statements of Colonel Henderson that a serious number of fatalities had occurred on the new air route to Egypt, Brigadier-General Seely stated that in the spring and early in the summer, the War Office had communicated to the Air Ministry the urgent demand from Egypt for aircraft of large size, and endurance in order to cope with the critical situation. Machines were sent by air instead of by sea owing to urgency.

Up to the present, 51 Handley-Page machines had started, of which 39 had arrived, 10 were at various stages, and 19 had not been written off.

One machine crashed to the earth badly and four lives were lost. There were three other bad accidents involving four fatal and three non-fatal injuries.

At the request of the Chief of the Air Staff, a special outside Commission had been appointed to enquire into the matter. Brigadier-General Seely emphasised that the taking of this route had nothing to do with civil aviation.

He re-emphasised the critical nature of the situation in Egypt at that time.

DEFENCE OF THE REALM ACT.

LONDON, October 29th.

In the House of Commons, the Attorney-General moved the second reading of the War Emergency Bill continuing the Defence of the Realm Act regulations for a year at most.

The Attorney-General admitted that much of the Bill was unnecessary. It was proposed that, after its second reading, the Bill could be referred to a Committee to investigate whether any part could be safely omitted.

Mr. W. Banbury and Sir Donald Maclean demanded the withdrawal of the Bill. Mr. Bonar Law said that the House must make up its mind whether the assertions that the Government did not retain the confidence of the House of Commons were true, for the Government did not mean to withdraw the Bill, because that would mean chaos.

The House then passed the second reading of the Bill by 231 votes to 53.

HOME POLITICS.

LONDON, October 29th.

The position created by the defeat of the Government has been rectified without difficulty. It was never regarded as serious by the House of Commons, whose attention has been diverted by the Government's financial white paper, which is being vigorously discussed. A debate on the financial situation comes on in the House on Wednesday, when Mr. Chamberlain proposes a motion supporting all reasonable proposals, however drastic, for the reduction of expenditure and the diminution of debt.

Sir Donald Maclean will propose an amendment calling for drastic reductions in expenditure and ending the increase of the debt.

Mr. W. Adamson, in a further amendment, advocates a levy on capital and the reversion of war fortunes to the State.

The House of Commons, by 171 votes to 84, adopted the amendment to the Sex Disqualification Removal Bill empowering persons in their own right to sit in the House of Lords.

OUR CONSULAR DEPARTMENT.

LONDON, October 29th.

It is officially announced that the administration of the Consular Department of the Foreign Office has been transferred to the Department of Overseas Trade, which already administers the Commercial Diplomatic Service. The staff of the Consular Department will presumably remain in the Foreign Office, but in matters relating to the Consular Service they will report to the Secretary of State through the Comptroller-General and the Secretary of the Department of Overseas Trade.

Questions of promotion and transfer in the Consular Service will henceforth be considered, and recommendations made to the Secretary for Foreign Affairs, by a Committee of the President of Sir Hamar Greenwood. The Department of Overseas Trade will be represented on the Committee.

Arrangements are also being made to transfer to the Department of Overseas Trade the non-political work up to now done by the Commercial Department of the Foreign Office.

A standing Inter-Departmental Committee has been appointed, comprising representatives of the Foreign Office, the Board of Trade, and the Department of Overseas Trade, to deal with questions in which the three Departments are jointly interested.

HOME JUDICIAL CHANGES.

LONDON, October 29th.

The following judicial appointments have been made:—
Lord Sturges, Master of the Rolls; The Rt. Hon. Lord Justice Ricks, President of the Divorce Court; The Hon. Mr. Justice Younger, Lord of the Appeal in Council.

GERMANY'S FOOD POSITION.

BERLIN, October 29th.

In the National Assembly, Dr. Schmidt, the Economic Minister, reviewing Germany's food position, said that an improvement had begun. The bread was scarce, but there were increasing supplies of bran, corn, meat, vegetables, and fish.

The principal anxiety was the coal shortage, hence the paralysing strikes of the miners must be combated, but, any how, Germany would be unable for a long time to produce up to French exportations, and Germany's ex-enemies had only injured themselves when they interfered in Germany's economic life.

The *Daily Mail* states that a number of English people who have interested themselves in the internal condition of Germany have arranged a conference in London next week with a party of Germans and Austrians, including Professor Tann and the Austrian ex-Premier, Count Lammasch.

With reference to the statement in last morning's *Daily Mail*, Lord Parmoor, Chairman of the Fight Against Europe Committee, which advocates relief to Europe irrespective of nationalities, explains that the Council is promoting a private International Conference to discuss methods of improving the economic conditions of Europe. If the economists of the Central Powers are enabled to attend they will not exceed five in number.

AMERICAN LABOUR SITUATION.

WASHINGTON, October 29th.

The Labour situation in America is becoming more tense.

The New York dockers are still on strike and this has affected some of the Allied trades.

A strike of 500,000 coal miners has been called for the week.

The railroads also threaten to come out, owing to the Bill before the Senate designed to prevent them from striking.

The steel strike does not show signs of a settlement.

COLONEL WARD, C.B., C.M.G.

LONDON, October 29th.

H.M. the King has invested Lt.-Col. John Ward with the insignia of the Companion of the Bath and of the Companion of the Most Distinguished Order of St. Michael and St. George.

PRINCE ALBERT FREEMAN OF LONDON.

LONDON, October 29th.

Prince Albert was accorded a great welcome to the City to-day, when, he received the Guildhall in the presence of a large and distinguished gathering of the City Chamberlain welcoming His Highness, mentioned that the latter had served under Admiral Jellicoe as a sub-Lieutenant in the Battle of Jutland, where his services were specially commended.

The Prince, responding, said that when his thoughts turned to the future of the Empire, he was conscious of the great opportunities and responsibilities resting on his youthful shoulders, and he would do his best to uphold its proud traditions.

THE CAMBRIDGESHIRE STAKES.

LONDON, October 29th.

The probable starters for the Cambridge Stakes (1 mile, 1 furlong) to be run at Newmarket on October 29th, are as follows:—

My Dear	Donoghue
Diadem	F. Childs
Zinovia	V. Smyth
Scotwell	A. Smith
Domination	A. Bailey
Hooper	Carls
Golden Fleece	Fox
Royal Barks	Hulme
Viceroy	Thoburn
Clarion	Lane
Tetrachia	Marin
Sir Berkeley	G. Colling
Dromio	Leach
Brigand	Crickmer
Lady Earl	Ringstead
Mineral	Speck
Albanian	Weldon
Chambrin	Leister

The betting is as follows:—Zinovia and Scotwell, 8 to 1; Sir Berkeley, 100 to 1; Tetrachia, 9 to 1; Royal Barks, Diadem and Albanian, 100 to 1; Clarion, 10 to 1; My Dear, 20 to 1; Golden Fleece, 25 to 1; Brigand and Lady Earl, 40 to 1.

LONDON, October 29th.
The results of the Cambridgeshire Stakes are as follows:—

Brigand 1

Diadem 2

My Dear 3

Eighteen horses ran. Diadem won by six lengths, three-quarters of a length separating second and third.

The betting was as follows:—Brigand, 25 to 1; Diadem, 9 to 1; My Dear, 25 to 1.

THE FIUME SITUATION.

LONDON, October 29th.

The United States has not accepted Signor Tittoni's proposal for the constitution of an independent State of Fiume under the League of Nations, and the session of the Volsci district in 1919.

It is still hoped, however, that a solution will be reached.

It is understood that Signor Nitti has made a further strong appeal to the United States Government.

The British and French Governments are endeavouring to ease the situation which is undoubtedly again becoming critical.

AMERICAN PROHIBITION BILL.

WASHINGTON, October 29th.

The voting in the House of Representatives on the Prohibition Bill was 176 to 35. If the Senate also passes the Bill with the necessary two-thirds majority, the Bill becomes law in spite of the President's veto.

Washington, Oct. 29th.
The Senate by 65 to 20 repassed the Prohibition Enforcement Bill, over President Wilson's veto.

LIMAN VON SANDERS RETIRES.

LONDON, Oct. 29th.

The German General Liman von Sanders has retired on half pay.

LEAGUE OF NATIONS COUNCIL.

LONDON, October 29th.

The *Times* correspondent at Washington states that the defeat of Senator Johnson's amendment equalising American and Imperial votes in the League of Nations Council does not mean that the last has been heard of the matter. There will be other amendments with a similar object, and the chances are that some reservation will be adopted unless the British Government can make it clear that the representation of the Dominions on the League will not weight the latter in Britain's favour.

CHINA, JAPAN AND SIAM.

SINGAPORE, October 29th.

Commenting on the discussion, in a Siam newspaper, of the suggestion that the Chinese should be excluded from travelling in the same railway compartment as the Siamese on the ground that they are ill-behaved, the *Bangkok Daily Mail* after remarking in regard to the alleged bad behaviour, that the Chinese are renowned for their national politeness, says that as the Siamese are a symptom of the new forces working beneath, "Snobbery has its meaning among nations as among men, and if the tendency which this discussion illuminates is impressed upon that unpractical giant, China, it may do her good. Years ago she saw Japan struggle under the light of the West and despised her as an upstart nation. It will not pay China to repeat that mistake in regard to other neighbours."

CHINA'S UNTAPPED RESOURCES.

LONDON, October 29th.

The newspaper *Financialer* draws attention to a Dutch writer's views in regard to China's untapped resources. The writer expresses the opinion that undoubtedly China might supply Europe with large quantities of food.

He points out that the methods of agriculture and cattle-breeding in China are so primitive that production might be increased tenfold by scientific methods whereby not only would the prosperity of the Chinese themselves be increased, but large quantities of foodstuffs would become available for export.

He instances the slight importance of meat production and scantiness of the dimensions of the country, but admits that there can be no question of a really packing industry at present in view of the absence of refrigerating plants.

INTERNATIONAL CONGRESS OF WORKING WOMEN.

WASHINGTON, October 29th.

The women of practically all the leading countries in the world assembled at the first International Congress of Working Women, to discuss international child labour, employment, and the protection of women in hazardous industries. The proposals of this Congress will be submitted to the International Labour Conference.

JAPANESE RATIFICATION OF TREATY.

Tokyo, October 29th.

The Privy Council has passed the German Peace Treaty.

FAR EASTERN CABLE NEWS.

[BY COURTESY "HONGKONG DAILY PRESS"]

PREMIER APPROVED BY PARLIAMENT.

Peking, November 1st.
Parliament, yesterday, approved the nomination of Chin Yung-peng as Premier. The destination of the portfolio of the Interior and Justice are not yet decided.

AN AMERICAN LOAN.

The accuracy of the report that a loan has been signed by American bankers for thirty million dollars on the security of the Wine and Tobacco Taxes is confirmed. The collection of these taxes is to be undertaken by an organised service under foreign control.

Great significance attaches to America's independent action in this connection.

ORIENTAL STUDIES.

RESEARCH WITH THE ARMIES.

THE SERVANTS of many nations who are now in London for the joint session of Orientalists at the rooms of the Royal Asiatic Society in Albemarle-street visited recently the School of Oriental Studies. Few among them had expected to find such a large institution in the heart of the City, and admiration was generally expressed for the fine library, with its many tall windows overlooking the trees and lawns, flooded with sunshine, of Fitzbry-dun.

The guests were shown over the theatres and well-arranged classrooms. They were welcomed by Sir Dennison Ross, the director, who described the school as a "war baby," inasmuch as it was opened so recently as January, 1917, after spasmodic efforts for a century had been without result. The name of Lord Cromer would always be held in gratitude by Orientalists for the great labour and devotion he gave to the work of founding the school, and to Lord Curzon of Kedleston and Sir Charles Lyall they also owed much.

Last session they passed through 230 students, and the numbers were constantly going up. Arabic had proved the most popular language taught. They had students taking seasonal courses, others undergoing an intensive course of five or six months, and odd students who wished to acquire a slight knowledge of an Eastern language before proceeding abroad at short notice.

The school's diploma for advanced students would, it was hoped, ultimately carry weight throughout the world.

In the principal theatre Mr. Campbell Thompson, who had served in Mesopotamia in both military and archaeological capacities, showed that research went forward with the utmost. Excavations were carried on, even under the stress of war, at the great mound of Abu Shahman, in the desert some distance from Baghdad, and once an important Babylonian and Elamite city, and these he described. Sir George Grierson, in another theatre, gave illustrations of Indian dialects recorded with surprising clearness by gramophones.

The morning's papers included one by Professor Vogel, advocating the establishment of a British school of Indian studies in India. This, he argued, had become an urgent necessity now that the labours of the Archaeological Survey of India were so largely engrossed in the work of preserving the monuments. What India wanted was a research institute, wherein scholars could devote themselves entirely to the great task of investigating India's past and present, without being hampered by the burden of office work and correspondence. The French school at Hanoi gave an excellent example. Mr. Subramanian-Iyer urged that such a school should not be British alone, but should invite the co-operation of Indian and foreign scholars.

M. Clermont-Ganneau described a Jewish mosaic inscription of the fourth or fifth century which had been discovered by the British army near the Mount of Temptation, Jericho, had brought to light. It invited Jews to keep up their worship, and to give generous contributions, without which the faith would not be fostered and charitable deeds extended; and it was believed that scientific excavation of the site might yield important historical results.

NORTH CHINA INSURANCE CO., LTD.

EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL MEETING.

An extraordinary general meeting of shareholders of the North China Insurance Co., Ltd., was held at the offices of the Company at Shanghai, on October 22. Mr. Wm. P. Lumbe presided and was supported by Messrs. Chas. M. Bain, R. McE. Dalgleish and J. T. Dissel-duff (Directors) and Mr. H. G. Simms (Secretary and Manager). The attendance represented 6,872 shares.

The Secretary having read the notice convening the meeting, the chairman said:—
Gentlemen, as you are aware, the sole purpose of this Meeting is to confirm the resolution passed at the Extraordinary General Meeting held on October 6, 1919. I will now move as a special resolution that the resolution which is as follows be confirmed.

That the Articles of Association of the Company be altered in manner following:—

(a) Article No. 8 shall be cancelled.

(b) The following Article shall be substituted for Article 71:—
"Every shareholder shall at a poll have one vote for every share held by him. When shares are registered in the name of a public Company, the Secretary, Manager, or other authorized Agent may vote for such Company."

(c) Article No. 84 shall be altered by striking out the words "nor more than one."

(d) The following Article shall be substituted for Article No. 85:—

"No person shall be eligible to the Office of Director unless he be a shareholder."

Mr. Chas. M. Bain seconded the resolution, which was carried unanimously.

SHIPS DUE TO ARRIVE.

FROM EUROPE.

The s.s. *NOVARA*, left London Oct. 1 and is due here via Colombo, Penang and Singapore Nov. 11.

The s.s. *KNIGHT TEMPLAR*, due here Nov. 10 and sails for Japan Nov. 11.

The s.s. *OAKFA*, due here Nov. 11 and sails for Japan Nov. 12.

The s.s. *BADUNIA*, due here Nov. 13 and sails for Shanghai and Japan Nov. 14.

The s.s. *TALITHREUS*, due here Nov. 20 and sails for Japan Nov. 21.

WEATHER REPORT.

November 3d 1919. No returns from Vladivostok or Japan. Pressure has decreased moderately at Shanghai and is nearly stationary at other reporting stations. It is probably highest over N.E. Japan.

The monsoon is interrupted to the north of Fochow.

Hongkong Rainfall for the 24 hours ending at 10 a.m. today, 0.00 inch. Total since January 1st, 72.53 inches, against an average of 80.66 inches.

Forecast for the 24 hours ending at noon on November 4th.

1.—Hongkong to Gap Rock. N.E. winds, fresh; fair.

2.—Formosa Channel. The same as No. 1.

3.—South coast of China between Hongkong and Lamook. The same as No. 1.

4.—South coast of China between Hongkong and Hainan. The same as No. 1.

ROYAL OBSERVATORY.
HONGKONG, DAILY WEATHER REPORT.

NOVEMBER 3, 1919.—a.m.

Station.	Hour.	Barometer at Sea Level.	Temperature.	Humidity.	Direction.	Force.	Wind.	Weather.
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